

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/080

Cataracts

Request details

Please provide details, for the most recent full year available:

1. Total cost of CCG cataracts carried out in the year
2. The number of CCG cataracts performed
3. The end date of the current agreement
4. The next available tender date announcement, if known
5. The cities or towns where the surgeries were performed
6. Current waiting times for cataract surgery

Response Details

Questions 1-5

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are a feature of the English NHS. In Wales there is no commissioning of healthcare through this route and so Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) have no CCG activity to report.

Under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB would like to advise you of the following information:

- Surgery costs for procedures undertaken by private providers are £454,958 – this does not include consumable costs and admin costs involved for some of the theatre lists.
- Outpatient costs for cataract appointments undertaken by private providers are £130,360 this does not include consumable costs and admin costs involved for some of the clinic lists.
- Cataract private surgery total volume for April 2019 – March 2020 (included expected volume this month) is 778 procedures.
- The end date of the current agreement is March 31st 2020.
- The next available tender date announcement is not known.
- Surgeries were performed in Cardiff and Newport.

Question 6

The current waiting time for routine cataract surgery is 36-40 weeks.