

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/385**  
**Independent Providers – Cataract Surgery**

**Request details**

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 ('the Act') the following information:

**Contract for Services by Cardiff & Vale University Health Board**

- 1. For the period 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020, please provide the names of all independent sector providers that have provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures to you.**

Medinet  
Nuffield Health  
St Joseph's Hospital  
CESP

- 2. Please provide the total number of procedures (per eye) completed by independent providers (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) for the following surgical procedures between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
  - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
  - c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

The UHB have not used any independent providers for these procedures.

- 3. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Optegra (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) for the following surgical procedures between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
  - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
  - c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

The UHB have not used any independent providers for these procedures.

- 4. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Spamedica for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
  - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
  - c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

The UHB have not used any independent providers for these procedures.

**5. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Newmedica for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

The UHB have not used any independent providers for these procedures.

**6. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

The UHB have not used any independent providers for these procedures.

**7. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Optical Express for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

The UHB have not used any independent providers for these procedures.

**8. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by any independent sector provider other than those listed above (Optegra, Spamedica, Newmedica, ACES & Optical Express) for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy: 0**

In completing a search for the information requested, the UHB has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested

would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.