



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-483

Date: 25th January 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Ophthalmology.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

- Q1 I would like the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form:**
- When is the current contract for IOLs (Intraocular lenses) in Ophthalmology up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**
- A1 31/5/2023 – This will not be renewed as new devices will be in place
- Q2 When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**
- A2 Currently covered under warranty – contract required from Feb 2023
- Q3 When is your VR machinery (for vitreoretinal) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**
- A3 See below:
1 x Covered under warranty until 25/3/2023
1 x Due for renewal 31/7/2023
- Q4 What is your current Route to Market for IOLs, Phaco and VR?**
- A4 There is no 'process' this is on ad hoc based on the previous preferences of colleagues
- Q5 When does your procurement department plan to actively start in pretender engagement for IOLs, Phaco and VR? Please include the date.**
- A5 We replaced one VR and both Phaco machines in 2022, the IOL's are due to be replaced in this financial year 2022/2023

Q6 Who is your current IOL provider and what brand of IOL you currently use?

A6 Zeiss (IOL MASTER CZI 14806)

Q7 Who is your current Phaco machine provider?

A7 Bausch & Lomb

Q8 Who is your current VR machine provider?

A8 Alcon

Q9 How many Phaco machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?

A9 We have two devices both are <1 year old

Q10 How many VR machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?

A10 Two devices in total:

1 x 10 years old

1 x <1 year old

Q11 How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between: 2019-2020 2021-2022 Calendar Year

A11 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records (around 3,400 per year). In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all individual health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all individual health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame.

Q12 Do you have any subcontracting arrangements for Cataract Surgery with the independent sector within this financial year, if so please provide details including volumes?

A12 No

Q13 Who is the procurement lead or lead Trust for Ophthalmology on behalf of your ICS, and what plans do you have for Ophthalmology?

A13 For UHNM:

Procurement Lead is Nathan Joy-Johnson*
Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology is Dr Andrew Brown*

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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