

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. Please confirm the organisations commissioned by the CCG provide Ophthalmology services to your patients?

**Community Services**

- Newmedica
- East Midlands Medical Services (EMMS)
- Health Harmonie

**Secondary Care Providers**

- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Ramsay Woodthorpe

2. Please can you confirm if your ophthalmology services are contracted on a PbR, Block or other tariff and when this contract is due to end?

- Health Harmonie – Local prices
- EMMS – Local prices
- Newmedica – PbR
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Currently under block contract arrangement
- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – Currently under block contract arrangement
- Ramsay Woodthorpe - PbR

3. Please confirm the 2020/21 annualised activity levels of contract values at: 1.) CCG Level, 2.) Provider Level.

Please see below Community Ophthalmology spend, due to COVID-19 the CCG does not hold a break down for Ophthalmology in Secondary Care.

<b>Ophthalmology 2020/21</b>	
<b>Provider</b>	<b>Total YTD Paid</b>
EMMS	£104,616
Health Harmonie	£354,121
Newmedica	£351,345

4. Please confirm the end dates of your current commissioned ophthalmology providers?

31 March 2022 for community services.

5. Please confirm who (if any) providers are providing ophthalmology services to patients without a contract where a patient has exercised their right to choose a provider?

Where a provider is available on open choice a patient may choose to have their procedure at this provider, if however that provider is not contracted then the CCG would receive an invoice for the procedure. This is an ad hoc process and subject to patient choice.

The following providers have provided non contracted Ophthalmology services to the CCG in the last 12 months;

- Cataract Centre
- Community Health & Eyecare Ltd
- New Medical Systems Ltd
- Optegra Eye Health Care
- Spamedica Ltd

6. Please advise what services have been commissioned to Opticians?

Not applicable.

7. Do you commission services to inject Avastin?

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have the option to use Avastin if the clinicians deem this to be appropriate and the patient is in agreement.

8. Which drugs do you currently authorise for AMD treatments?

Our AMD services use the licensed drugs available for the treatment of AMD anibizumab (Lucentis), aflibercept (Eylea) and brolocizumab (Beovu). As stated in question 7 if deemed clinically appropriate consultants have the option to use bevacizumab (Avastin).

9. Who are your contracted AMD providers within the CCG?

Secondary Care providers.

10. Is Nurse Led Intravitreal Injections part of the plan for NHS Shortfall for your CCG Commissioning plans/intentions?

Not applicable.

11. How many of your existing contract providers contract arrangements are now in their extension period?

Two community providers are now in an extension period.

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Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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