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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information below, the spreadsheet provided on the 30 January 2023 did not include data for the former Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group. This has been rectified and a revised spreadsheet is attached at Appendix A. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this might have caused.

In the request you asked:

- A. The expenditure by the ICB and its predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on the purchase of cataract operations for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21
- B. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from independent non-NHS providers for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.
- C. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from NHS Trusts for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.
- D. The number of cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21 from a) NHS Trusts b) independent non-NHS providers
- E. The source of the referrals for the cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs in the independent non-NHS sector the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.
- F. (For clarification I am interested in a) the percentage of the referrals for cataract surgery which were made by a GP or by an optometrist b) the company or organisation which made the largest number of referrals for cataract surgery in the independent non-NHS sector for each of the years cited above).
- G. The source of the referrals for the cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from NHS Trusts for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.
- H. (For clarification I am interested in a) the percentage of the referrals for cataract surgery which were made by a GP or by an optometrist b) the company or organisation which made the largest number of referrals for cataract surgery in the independent non-NHS sector for each of the years cited above).

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Yours sincerely

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