

21/03/2023

NN-ICB/22/180

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 partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- Please confirm the number of cataract procedures performed on behalf of the ICB by the Hospital Trusts between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.**

4754 (based on HRGs listed below)

Whilst cataract activity may be included within the codes provided with the original FOI request, these specific HRG codes are not sufficiently descriptive to exclude non-cataract activity. It would not be possible to answer the FOI for cataract activity based on these codes.

Therefore the figure provided above is activity with HRG codes specifically described as cataracts (these HRGs are listed below).

<b>HRG Code</b>	<b>HRG Description</b>
BZ30A	Complex, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ30B	Complex, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ31A	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ31B	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ32A	Intermediate, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ32B	Intermediate, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ33Z	Minor, Cataract or Lens Procedures
BZ34A	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 4+
BZ34B	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 2-3
BZ34C	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 0-1

2. Please confirm the number of cataract procedures performed on behalf of the ICB by each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

Independent Service Provider	Sum of Activity
Community Health and Eyecare Ltd	1736
Spamedica	1638
Ramsay Healthcare UK Operations Limited	1019
New Medical Systems Limited	1004
Practice Plus Group	7
Circle	2
Circle Health Group Limited	1

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3. Please confirm the fee paid per cataract procedure to each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

The ICB pay the national tariff – information is available in the public domain

4. Please confirm the total fees paid in respect of the delivery of cataract surgery (including pre-assessment and post-operative fees) to each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

Data not held - SUS Tariff Cost does not separate out pre-assessment and post-operative fees

5. Please confirm the fee paid per cataract pre-assessment (per individual and for all individuals collectively) to each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

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6. Please confirm the fee paid per cataract post-operative assessment (per individual and for all individuals collectively) to each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

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7. Please confirm the number of YAG capsulotomy procedures performed on behalf of the ICB by the Hospital Trusts (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

Hospital Trust	Sum of Activity
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	1294
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*	318
Doncaster And Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	44
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	1

YAG Capsulotomy has no defined HRG or procedure code therefore our Analysts have identified YAG Capsulotomy as OPCS Procedure codes C73% - Incision of Capsule of Lens and subsidiary code Y086 - Laser Incision of Organ as the most accurate way of identifying activity requested.

\*No activity was identified at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust using the above methodology. Combination of OPCS procedure and HRG codes were used (C73% - Incision of capsule of lens, BZ33Z - Minor, Cataract or Lens Procedures)

8. Please confirm the number of YAG capsulotomy procedures performed on behalf of the ICB by each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

Independent Service Provider	Sum of Activity
Spamedica	374
Community Health and Eyecare Ltd	367
Ramsay Healthcare UK Operations Limited	8

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9. Please confirm the fee paid per YAG capsulotomy procedure to each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

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10. Please confirm the total fees paid in respect of the delivery of YAG capsulotomy surgery (including pre-assessment and post-operative fees) to each Independent Service Provider (as an individual entity) between 1 April 2022 and 31 December 2022.

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FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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