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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 each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. Please provide the name of all commissioned providers for Cataract surgery within the ICS.

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Woodthorpe Hospital (Ramsay Healthcare)
- Newmedica
- SpaMedica
- CHEC (Community Health and Eyecare)
- University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
- Circle Health Group Limited
- Spire Healthcare
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

2. Please provide the name of all providers offering Cataract surgery within your ICS who are delivering through non-contracted activity.

The following providers provided cataract surgery via non-contracted activity within 2022/23 or 2023/24 to patients registered within the ICS (over 5 procedures in total):

- Practice Plus Group
- Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
- Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

3. Please provide details of the referral pathway (by ICS) for patients who are being referred for Cataract surgery. Please state if referrals are made to a provider directly, via the patients GP or other route of referral. (if other, please provide details)

Referrals are sent from optometrists to patients' GP practices. After adding any relevant information from the patient's medical record the GP practice sends the referral via the NHS e-Referral Service (eRS) to be triaged by one of two commissioned Community Ophthalmology Service providers. Provided the referral is in line with the local commissioning criteria for cataract surgery the patient is then contacted and offered a choice of local providers to undertake their surgery. Following this the referral is sent via eRS to the patient's chosen provider.

4. Please confirm if your ICS have commissioned and are using an Electronic Eyecare Referral System. If so, please confirm then name of the provider

The ICS is working with other ICS's within the Midlands to introduce Electronic Eyecare Referral. As part of this project NHS England Midlands Region has commissioned an Electronic Eyecare Referral System from Cinapsis. The new referral system has not yet been rolled out across our ICS.

5. For the providers detailed in your response to questions 1 and 2. Please provide the total number of completed Cataract surgery for the periods 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) for your ICS.

Provider	2021/22	2022/23
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	4891	4439
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	2068	1553
Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	387	408
Woodthorpe Hospital (Ramsay Healthcare)	2088	1485
Newmedica	1172	1497
SpaMedica	1290	2185
CHEC (Community Health and Eyecare)	177	2165
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	239	18
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	66	57
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	52	49
Circle Health Group Limited	92	≤5*
Spire Healthcare	61	0
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	25	17
Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	11	23
Practice Plus Group	≤5*	10
Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust	≤5*	≤5*
Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	0	6

***Section 40 (2)**

The ICB does hold this information however if the number is very low (5 or less) the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

As defined by the Data Protection Act, personal data constitutes as:

“Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.

“Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to -

- (a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
- (b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual

6. For the providers detailed in your response to question 1. Please provide the current wait times for Cataract surgery.

The ICB does not hold procedure level waiting times data (i.e. cataract surgery). Specialty level waiting times (by provider) is available at <https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk>

7. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your ICS.

The ICB does not hold procedure level data for this.

8. Please provide the total number of patients waiting 52+ weeks for Cataract surgery within your ICS and of those how many have been waiting 104+ weeks.

The ICB does not hold procedure level data for this.

9. By provider detailed in question 1. Please confirm when the current contract that includes Cataract surgery is due to expire and if there is an option to extend services. If there is an option to extend, please advise on how long for.

- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – Expires 31/3/24. The contract is awarded on an annual planning cycle in line with NHS Guidance.
- Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Expires 31/3/24. The contract is awarded on an annual planning cycle in line with NHS Guidance.
- Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Expires 31/3/24. The contract is awarded on an annual planning cycle in line with NHS Guidance.
- Woodthorpe Hospital (Ramsay Healthcare) – Expires 31/3/24. The contract is awarded on an annual planning cycle in line with NHS Guidance.
- Newmedica – Expires 31/3/25, no option to extend.
- SpaMedica – Expires 31/3/24, no option to extend.
- CHEC (Community Health and Eyecare) – Expires 30/6/26, no option to extend.

10. Please confirm the name and contact details of the individual(s) who manages these contracts within the ICS.

The contracts are managed by members of the ICB's Contracting Team. For any further enquiries please email them at: nnicb-nn.contracting@nhs.net

11. Please confirm the ICS commissioning intentions on Cataract surgery for 2023/24.

The ICB does not hold this information.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

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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

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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