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NN-ICB/23/464

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 and attached.

In the request you asked:

We would like to request spending and activity data on ophthalmology services broken down by different conditions/treatments. Note that breaking this down further into NHS spending/activity and Independent Sector spending/activity is not necessary for this request.

Although we do not have a firm understanding of the accounting and finance software in use by the ICB, we are hoping that an export of spending and activity broken down by HRG Code and Treatment Function Code would be possible, and not overly burdensome for the ICB. However, we do understand that systems and processes differ and the ICB may have its own internal categorisation which could provide a similar dataset.

We have requested annual data between 2017/18 to 2022/23, but understand that in some cases the merger of CCGs into the ICB makes some financial data difficult to recover. And where tariff income was replaced by COVID block funding we would ask that these figures be provided for the relevant years.

Could we please request the following:

1. Annual total ICB spending on Ophthalmology services, as defined above, for the years 2017/18 to 2022/23
 - This should preferably be broken down by HRG Code and Treatment Function Code

[Please see attached Excel spreadsheet.](#)
2. Annual ICB Commissioned Activity on Ophthalmology services, as defined above, for the years 2017/18 to 2022/23
 - This should preferably be broken down by HRG Code and Treatment Function Code

[Please see attached Excel spreadsheet.](#)
3. Commissioning and procurement strategy

Could you please provide a digest or summary of information, preferably with attached policy documents, which outline the ICB's current commissioning strategy with regard to Ophthalmology services.

- Here I would expect some ICBs to have conducted or inherited an assessment of the local demand for eye care treatments and strategies to meet this demand.

- In 'determining whether this information is held' I would just expect a brief conversation with the responsible officer in case anything came to mind (which it may not) rather than an exhaustive search of the organisation.

Please see the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS Eye Health Clinical and Community Services Strategy available on the ICS website - <https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Eye-Health-ICS-Clinical-and-Community-Services-Strategy.pdf>

4. Independent Provider Information

For each of the five largest Independent Sector Providers, could you provide information for the most recent complete financial year 2022/23:

- 4.A. Total Cataract Surgery Activity during the year

- 4.B Total Cataract Surgery payments during the year

Please see attached Excel spreadsheet which shows the total cataract surgery activity. In relation to question 4.B, this activity is paid for as per the National Tariff payment system which is publicly available.

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Yours sincerely

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