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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Your request sought information relating to ophthalmic surgery. You confirmed on 5<sup>th</sup> November that the information on Intraocular lens contracts you required should be from a service contracts perspective.

### **Intra-ocular Lenses**

- **When is your current Intraocular lens contract for Ophthalmology up for renewal?**  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2020
- **Who is your current Intraocular lens provider/providers?**  
Carl Zeiss, the OEM
- **How long will your future Intraocular tender contract run for?**  
1 year currently
- **What is the value of your current Intraocular Lens Contract?**  
£4832.80 (for servicing).
- **What is the price of your most used IOL?**  
You clarified on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 that when you referred to 'most used' you mean the lens used most commonly.

This information has been withheld.

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- **Do you use Toric Lenses for NHS patients or for private?**

Both

- **Who is your current Toric Lens supplier?**

Alcon

- **Do you have a Toric pathway?**

Yes

- **What is the price of your most used Toric IOL?**

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### **Cataract Equipment**

- **When is your Phaco machinery contract up for renewal?**

Bausch & Lomb Contract – 30/06/2020

DORC Contract – 31/07/2021



- **How many Phaco machines do you currently have at your sites?**  
5
- **Who is your current provider of the Phaco machinery?**  
Bausch & Lomb and DORC
- **How long will the future Phaco contract run for?**  
Bausch & Lomb (2017-2020) and DORC (2018-2021)
- **What is the value of your Phaco machinery?**  
Bausch & Lomb (£41,500 per) and DORC (£60,000 per unit)
- **How many Phaco hand-pieces do you have?**  
45

### **Vitro Retinal (VR) Equipment**

- **When is your Vitro retinal machinery contract up for renewal?**  
No contract in place
- **How many Vitro retinal machines do you currently have at your sites?**  
2
- **Who is your current provider of your vitro retinal machinery?**  
DORC
- **How long will the Vitro retinal contract run for?**  
Not applicable
- **What is the value of your vitro retinal machinery?**  
Not known, however our VR machinery is approximately 5 years old.

### **Cataract and VR Custom Packs**

- **When is your cataract Custom Packs contract up for renewal?**  
All Wales Contract CLI-OJEU-39132 for Ophthalmic Consumables expires 31/05/2023
- **Who is your current Custom Packs provider?**  
Beaver Visitec International (Sales) Ltd
- **How long will your Custom Packs contract run for?**  
4 years
- **When is your VR Custom Packs contract up for renewal?**  
Not applicable – no contract in place
- **Who is your current VR Custom Pack provider?**  
Not applicable



- **How long will the VR Custom Packs run for?**  
Not applicable
- **What is the value of your VR Custom Packs for the current contract?**  
Not applicable

- **What products are in your standard VR Custom Packs?**  
Packs are made up by end user department and consist of the following:

2 x Gallipots

3 x 4 Swabs

1 x Eye Shield

1 x Eye Pad

1 x Instrument wipe

Cotton Buds

Steristrips

Sharps Pad

1 x 2ml Syringe

Green and brown needle

The packs that go with the machine are from DORC, the product codes are -

8300.25G02

8310.23G02

8310.25G02 - There is no contract with these, but they are specific to the machine.

- **How many cataract procedures did you do in the financial year 2018 - 2019?**  
7059
- **How many VR procedures did you do in the financial year 2018 - 2019?**  
565

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. a. Wenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Director of Corporate Governance**

