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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Your request sought information relating to ophthalmology.

1. **When is the current contract for IOLs (Intra ocular lenses) in Ophthalmology up for renewal?**  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2020
2. **Who is your current IOL provider?**  
Carl Zeiss, the OEM
3. **Please provide annual usage in the following years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 year to date**

Financial Year	Total Useage
2015 - 2016	605
2016 - 2017	2237
2017 - 2018	4516
2018 - 2019	4859
2019 - Sept 2019	1201

4. **Please provide annual spend in the following years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 year to date**  
The annual spend has been withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public



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authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

To provide the annual spend could essentially, along with the information provided in question 3 lead to the ability to work out (an approximate figure could be obtained) of the cost per unit. Whilst the Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. The Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It is therefore decided that it is not in the public's interest to disclose this information.

**5. In relation to IOLS what is your Route to Market /OJEU reference and contractual commitments including extension options?**

The contract is managed on an All Wales Ophthalmology Surgery and Orthoptic Consumables Framework Agreement Reference number: CLI-OJEU-39132

**6. When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal?**

Bausch & Lomb Contract – 30/06/2020.  
DORC Contract – 31/07/2021

**7. Who is your current provider of the Phaco machinery?**

Bausch & Lomb and DORC

**8. How many Phaco machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?**

The Health Board has 5 machines, 1 machine is 3 years old, the remaining 4 are 5 years old.

**9. In relation to Phaco machines what is your Route To Market /OJEU reference and contractual commitments including extension options?**

The contract is managed on an All Wales Ophthalmology Surgery and Orthoptic Consumables Framework Agreement Reference number: CLI-OJEU-39132

**10. When is your VR (Vit-Ret) machinery contract up for renewal?**

The Health Board does not have a VR Machine.

**11. Who is your current provider of the VR machinery?**

Not applicable

**12. How many VR machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?**

Not applicable

**13. In relation to VR machines what is your Route To Market /OJEU reference and contractual commitments including extension options?**

Not applicable



**14. What type of contract do you have with your local commissioner payment by results, block contract, or an aligned incentives?**

Health Boards do not have local commissioners, this only refers to NHS England.

**15. Do you currently have a managed equipment service within your Health Board?**

No, there are no managed service contracts in-situ for Ophthalmology.

**16. If yes what disease area?**

Not applicable.

**17. How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?**

This information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**18. Does your Health Board outsource initiative list for cataracts to a 3rd party suppliers to support capacity inefficiencies?**

Yes

**19. If yes is this contract between the Health Board and 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider or the CCG and 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider?**

CCG's do not exist within Wales. The contract is between the Health Board and the third party.

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



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