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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 10th June 2020. Your request sought information relating to ophthalmology services.

The information we have provided is correct as of 19th June 2020.

1. Is there a written plan for return to Ophthalmology and Cataract surgery at the Heath Board? Please share if possible.

No

2. Are there dates for Planned Return for the Health Board to start Cataract surgery?

No, however the Health Board are managing theatre capacity around clinical urgency of patients. Urgent graded patients awaiting Cataract surgery are now being clinically scored and COVID-screened for a minimum 4 planned sessions operating capacity per week.

3. Are there any further details on

a. A phased return to Ophthalmology/Cataract surgery (25% 50% 75% 100%)?

N/A – please see Q1.

b. A set timeline on the phased return to Ophthalmology / Cataract surgery?

N/A – please see Q1.



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4. How is Cataract surgery being prioritised? If there is a grading system please clarify the details.

The following essential Eye Services have been maintained during the COVID-19 pandemic for R1 patients (risk of irreversible harm or a significant adverse outcome for the patient if target date is missed);

- Age-Related Macular Degeneration treatments
- Medical Retina Services
- Rapid Access Eye clinic (RACE - Eye Casualty)
- Hot clinics for other R1 patients past their clinical target that cannot wait a few more months.

New Cataract referrals are in the main graded R2 patients (risk of reversible harm or adverse outcome if target date is missed.) As yet no recovery plans are in place for R2 services due to clinic capacity needing to incorporate social distancing requirements.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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