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Corporate Services
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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 20th October 2020. Your request sought information relating to cataract procedures.

1. Please provide the total amount spent by you for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed by independent providers between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- **a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- **b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- **c. YAG capsulotomy.**

The total cost for this period was £651,560. We are unable to break this down by CCSD code.

Optegra

Answer to Q2 - Q6 - Not applicable – Swansea Bay Health Board has not used Optegra for outsourcing cataract procedures in FY 2019/20.

2. Please provide the total amount paid to Optegra for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- **a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- **b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- **c. YAG capsulotomy.**



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3. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optegra for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatment between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;

b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

4. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optegra for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatment between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;**
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)**

5. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optegra for YAG capsulotomy treatment between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;**
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)**

6. When is your contract with Optegra for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Spamedica

Answer to Q7 to 11 - Not applicable – Swansea Bay Health Board has not used Spamedica for outsourcing cataract procedures in FY 2019/20.

7. Please provide the total amount paid to Spamedica for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy.**

8. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Spamedica for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;**
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)**

9. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Spamedica for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:



- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

10. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Spamedica for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

11. When is your contract with Spamedica for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Newmedica

Answer to Q12 to 16 - Not applicable – Swansea Bay Health Board has not used Newmedica for outsourcing cataract procedures in FY 2019/20

12. Please provide the total amount paid to Newmedica for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.

13. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Newmedica for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

14. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Newmedica for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

15. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Newmedica for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

16. When is your contract with Newmedica for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?



Anglia Community Eye Service

Answer to Q17 to 21 - Not applicable – Swansea Bay Health Board has not used Anglia Community Eye Service for outsourcing cataract procedures in FY 2019/20.

17. Please provide the total amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.
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18. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

19. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

20. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

21. When is your contract with Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Optical Express

Answer to Q22 to 26 - Not applicable – Swansea Bay Health Board has not used Optical Express for outsourcing cataract procedures in FY 2019/20.

22. Please provide the total amount paid to Optical Express for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:



- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.

23. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optical Express for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

24. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optical Express for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

25. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optical Express for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)

26. When is your contract with Optical Express for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Other providers

27. For the period 1st of April 2019 to 31st of March 2020, please provide the names of any additional independent sector providers that have provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures to the Health Board.

Sancta Maria Hospital , Swansea	193 Cataracts
Werndale BMI healthcare, Carmarthen	138 Cataracts
St, Joseph's BMI healthcare, Newport	
Droitwich Spa, BMI healthcare	
Bridgend Eye Clinic	71 Cataracts

28. For each additional independent provider please provide the total amount paid for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.



The Health Board does hold this information, however this is 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 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 cost per provider could essentially, along with the other information provided, lead to the ability to work out (an approximate figure could be obtained) of the cost per procedure. 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 Boards 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 publics' interest to disclose this information.

29. For each additional independent provider please provide a breakdown of the amount paid for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- **a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;**
- **b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)**

The Health Board does not hold this in the way you have requested by a specific treatment.

30. For each additional independent provider please provide a breakdown of the amount paid for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- **a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;**
- **b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)**

The Health Board does not hold this in the way you have requested by a specific treatment.

31. For each additional independent provider please provide a breakdown of the amount paid for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- **a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;**
- **b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)**



The Health Board does not hold this in the way you have requested by a specific treatment.

32. For each additional independent provider please state when your contract for cataract procedures is due for renewal.

There are no renewal of contracts at present due to Covid-19.

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

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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