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## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-B-055**

You clarified on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 that you are looking for the information relating to both private and NHS providers utilised by the Health Board.

### **You asked:**

**1. Please provide the name of all commissioned providers for Cataract surgery within your Health Board.**

Private providers

Sancta Maria Hospital, Swansea  
Werndale Hospital, Carmarthen  
Spa Medica, Gloucester/Bristol  
St Joseph's Hospital, Newport

NHS providers

SBUHB also commission Ophthalmology surgery from other Health Boards in Wales including Hywel Dda University Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. The contracted activity is for Ophthalmology as a speciality and is not broken down to procedure level.

Similarly, SBUHB has a small contract with University Hospital Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust for Ophthalmology.

**2. Please provide the name of all providers offering Cataract surgery within your Health Board who are delivering through non-contracted activity.**

SBUHB have contractual agreements with all NHS providers in Wales except for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). Any cataract surgery undertaken in BCUHB for SBUHB residents would be dealt with via the non-contract activity route.

**3. Please provide details of the referral pathway (s) (by Health Board) for patients who are being referred for Cataract surgery. Please state if referrals are made to a provider directly, via the patients GP or other route of referral. (if other, please provide details)**



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1. Optometrists refer directly to Singleton Hospital.
2. Consultant on-call will grade the urgency of the patient
3. Patients attend a one-stop appointment for pre-assessment and doctor consent
4. Patient attend for surgery within valid pre-assessment of fitness

**4. Please confirm if your Health Board have commissioned and are using any Electronic Eyecare Referral Systems. If so, please confirm then name of the provider**

A National All Wales E-referral system is to be rolled out in 23/24 provided by Cardiff & Vale UHB.

**5. Please confirm the details of how post operative care is delivered for Cataract patients within your Health Board . If different by place, please confirm for all.**

The majority of patients are discharged back to Optometrists for post operative care, unless already under secondary care e.g. the surgery was required as part of a Glaucoma pathway.

**6. For the providers detailed in your response to questions 1 and 2. Please provide the total number of completed Cataract surgery for the periods 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) for your Health Board.**

|                       | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Sancta Maria          | 161     | 483     |
| Werndale              | 194     | 31      |
| Spa Medica            | 210     | 209     |
| St Josephs            | 98      | 219     |
| Cardiff & Vale UHB    | 4       | 3       |
| Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB | 14      | 11      |
| Hywel Dda UHB         | 2       | 9       |

**7. For the providers detailed in your response to question 1. Please provide the current wait times for Cataract surgery.**

There are no patients currently waiting for cataract surgery for the private providers detailed in Q1.

With regard to the NHS providers, SBUHB does not receive procedure level waiting times from these providers.

**8. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your health board.**

| Patients waiting at 28.2.23 | up to 25 weeks | 26 - 35 weeks | 36 - 51 weeks | 50 - 104 weeks | over 104 | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------|-------|
| Referrals                   | 1202           | 523           | 670           | 48             | 0        | 2442  |
| Procedures                  | 1605           | 229           | 233           | 505            | 29       | 2572  |



- 9. Please provide the total number of patients waiting 52+ weeks for Cataract surgery within your Health Board and of those how many have been waiting 104+ weeks**

Please see Q8.

- 10. By provider detailed in question 1. Please confirm when the current contract that includes Cataract surgery is due to expire and if there is an option to extend services. If there is an option to extend, please advise on how long for.**

Contract periods all scheduled up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Additional contract capacity has been proposed for Qtr 1 23/24 at present. Following approval, the procurement process will be reviewed for additional contracting options for 23/24.

- 11. Please confirm then name and contact details of the individual(s) who manages these contracts within your Health Board.**

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- 12. Please confirm the Health Boards commissioning intentions on Cataract surgery for 2023/24.**

The Health Board has had, over recent years, significant pressures in meeting Referral to Treatment (RTT) Waiting Times Targets across cataract procedures. Due to implementation of additional contracting capacity already undertaken, a continuation of reduction in patients waiting over 104 has been achieved. Short-term interim measures are planned to continue to ensure a sustainable solution is achieved to meet the Referral to Treatment (RTT) challenge.

