

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-062

14 February 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

- **When is the current contract for IOLs (Intraocular lenses) in Ophthalmology up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**
The contract has expired. A procurement exercise commenced in 2023 but it has been agreed to revisit with the inclusion of preloaded lenses

- **When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**
It is expected that a procurement exercise will commence in 2025/26 if capital funding can be secured

- **When is your VR machinery (for vitreoretinal) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**
Procurement exercise is underway

- **What is your current Route to Market for IOLs, Phaco and VR?**
NHSSC framework

- **When does your procurement department plan to actively start in pretender engagement for IOLs, Phaco and VR? Please include the date.**
VR procurement exercise is already underway. It is expected that the IOL procurement will recommence (to include preloaded lenses) in Q1 24/25, phaco machine timeframes are being established.

- **Who is your current IOL provider and what brand of IOL you currently use?**
Alcon

- **Who is your current Phaco machine provider?**

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• **Who is your current VR machine provider?**

Alcon

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

Two – eight years old

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

Three – eight years old

• **How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between: 2021-2022 2022-2023 Calendar Year**

2021-2022: 346 (figures are provided in financial year as held on our system)

2022-2023: 1546 (total number of YAG lasers, unable to extract based on post-surgery)

• **Do you have any subcontracting arrangements for Cataract Surgery with the independent sector within this financial year, if so please provide details including volumes?**

No

• **Who is the procurement lead or lead Trust for Ophthalmology on behalf of your ICS, and what plans do you have for Ophthalmology?**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust. For information regarding future plans please contact the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) at bnssg.foi@nhs.net

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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