

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-686**

14 December 2022

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 hold some of 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.**  
This has expired and we are now using NHSSC framework contract.
  
- **When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**  
The original contract expired 2 years ago; however, the machines are still supported for 3 years.
  
- **When is your VR machinery (for vitreoretinal) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.**  
The original contract has expired as above, we are currently re-procuring using NHSSC ophthalmology framework contract.
  
- **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.**  
This is current but via NHSSC - no direct engagement.
  
- **Who is your current IOL provider and what brand of IOL you currently use?**  
Alcon
  
- **Who is your current Phaco machine provider?**  
Alcon

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

Alcon

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

Two. Seven years old

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

Three. Seven years old

• **How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between: 2019-2020 2021-2022 Calendar Year**

**2019-2020:** 751

**2021-2022:** 346

*Please note the figures are provided for the financial years as held on our system.*

• **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 ICS at [bnssg.foi@nhs.net](mailto: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  
Bristol  
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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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