

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-745

15 November 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

1. Total Spend and Volumes: The total spend (in £) and volume (number of procedures) for both in-house and outsourced provisions for each of the following ophthalmology procedure groups:

o Cataract surgeries – We do not hold the cost data at the level required as cataract surgery is carried out on cataract operating lists, but also on mixed procedure lists and a mix of in week and weekend provision.

o AMD – eye injections – we only undertake this procedure in medical retina clinics and there is a mix of one stop or two stop models; this is not delivered in generic clinics

o AMD - photodynamic therapy - We do not undertake this procedure

LASIK – We do not undertake this procedure

SMILE - We do not undertake this procedure

o Corrective laser eye surgeries (e.g. PRK, LASEK, TransPRK) - We do not undertake these procedures

If your records use different categorisations or sub-categories within these procedure groups, please provide the total spend and volumes for those as well.

Please see volumes below:

| Financial Year | Cataract surgery | Eye injection | Collagen Cross linking |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 2019/2020 | 4,666 | 1,816 | 297 |
| 2020/2021 | 1,413 | 648 | 216 |

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|-----------|-------|-------|-----|
| 2021/2022 | 3,122 | 848 | 234 |
| 2022/2023 | 4,102 | 1,231 | 250 |
| 2023/2024 | 4,542 | 2,042 | 404 |

2. Outsourcing Spend and Volumes by provider: The volume and spend for each ophthalmology procedure group outsourced, broken down by specific private providers. Please specify the volume and spend for each of the following procedure groups for each provider:

- o Cataract surgeries
- o AMD – eye injections
- o AMD - photodynamic therapy
- LASIK
- SMILE

- o Corrective laser eye surgeries (e.g. PRK, LASEK, TransPRK)

If a detailed breakdown is not available, please provide a list of the ophthalmology groups/providers to which your organisation outsources.

We do not use outsourcing in the above areas.

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.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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