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7 May 2024

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3984-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 8 April 2024.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold part of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. Confirmation of the names and contact information (address or email) of all private sector providers currently commissioned to provide NHS funded cataract operations in your region.

Spa Medica Ltd - SpaMedica House, 43 Churchgate, Bolton, BL1 1HU

**Community Health and Eye Care Limited (CHEC) - 1-6 Star Building Caxton Road Fulwood
Preston Lancashire PR2 9BS**

Ramsay - Fulwood Hall Hospital, Midgery Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9SZ

2. Summary of how the ICB is monitoring/intending to monitor whether the independent sector providers they commission are meeting this specification.

Within the contract monitoring (Schedule 6) there is a monitoring requirement. This is being monitored quarterly.

LR_16	Training session requirements	Quarterly	Report to evidence following points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with the Deanery • GMC recognition as training site • Recognised supervisors and evidence of CPD • Number of trainees/cases 	Quarter report - submit to Co-ordinating Commissioner by 15th operational day of Quarter. Reports to be submitted to the following mailbox	ALL
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment for training i.e., teaching arm for scope • Feedback to trainee supervisor • Access arrangements to sim training 		
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3. Planned arrangements for providers found to be in breach of the contract specification to provide 11% of cataract operations as wholly delivered by NHS ophthalmic trainees within 2 years.

We are currently assured that the independent providers with signed contracts to deliver cataracts are engaged with the relevant deanery to engage trainees. These providers will rely on the deanery scheduling trainees with them to enable training to take place. The ICB will continue to engage with providers to support the intended training requirements, where the deanery supports.

4. Number of NHS funded cataract procedures performed at each provider in England, divided into yearly information 2021, 2022, 2023.

PROVIDER	2021	2022	2023
CIRCLE	606	260	154
COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EYECARE	3,340	4,372	4,640
FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL	16	39	26
LANCASTER HOSPITAL	1		
NEWMEDICA	5	2	3
OPTEGRA	44	35	18
PRACTICE PLUS	52	96	81
RAMSAY	1,174	894	1,372
SOUTHEND PRIVATE HOSPITAL	1	1	
SPAMEDICA	5,805	7,859	7,794
SPIRE	149		
SUPER OPTICAL			1,738
TOTAL	11,193	13,558	15,826

5. Number of NHS cataract procedures performed at each provider in England, wholly performed by an NHS ophthalmic trainee, divided into yearly information for 2021, 2022, 2023.

We do not hold this data in a reportable format.

6. Any formal comment from the ICB on the perception that independent sectors are not providing the agreed training and/or are detrimental to NHS trainees.

Please refer to the response for question 3.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Professor Craig Harris – Chief Operating Officer

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
ICB Chief Executive**