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Dear

Due to the abolishment of clinical commissioning groups, from the 1 July 2022 the information you had previously requested from West Lancashire CCG is now held by the newly established Integrated Care Board for NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-2379-WL

Thank you for your request dated 23 June 2022.

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

Please find our response to your questions below:

1. The names of the CCGs you can provide data for. For each organisation please answer the following queries:

West Lancashire areas.

2. In 2021/22 what number of cataract operations were:

- a. Contracted from NHS providers

Please refer to the attached document.

- b. Contracted from non-NHS providers. Please list the providers. [Providers which the CCG had a signed contract with for services, this includes AQP contracts]

As above.

- c. Non-contracted services. Please list the providers. [Providers that have no signed contract with the CCG but offer services based on a NHS contract elsewhere in England, commonly referred to as non-contracted activity (NCA) providers.]

As above.

3. In 2021/22 the amount the CCG (i) budgeted and (ii) actually spent on cataract operations that were:

- a. Contracted from NHS providers

As above.

b. Contracted from non-NHS providers. Please list the providers

As above.

c. NCA providers. Please list the providers.

As above.

4. In 2021/22 the number of incidents reported following cataract operations that had been provided by
- a) contracted from NHS providers
 - b) contracted from non-NHS providers
 - c) NCA providers.

If possible please breakdown by provider name and/or by severity of incident, eg SIRI, post-op infection, permanent sight loss etc

West Lancashire ICB has not been informed of any serious incidents (SIRI) of this type in 2021/22. Numbers of incidents categorised as medium/ low harm are not routinely reported to the CCG/ICB by providers unless a theme or trend is identified. Nothing has been raised in relation to cataract operations.

Providers will hold the number of these medium/ low harm incidents but they may not be broken down by individual CCG.

You may wish to redirect to:

<https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

<https://www.liverpoolft.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/freedom-of-information-requests/>

<https://www.southportandormskirk.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/>

[https://www.sthk.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-guidance#:~:text=The%20Freedom%20of%20Information%20\(FOI\)%20Act%202000&text=Where%20information%20is%20not%20available,days%20of%20receiving%20the%20request.](https://www.sthk.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-guidance#:~:text=The%20Freedom%20of%20Information%20(FOI)%20Act%202000&text=Where%20information%20is%20not%20available,days%20of%20receiving%20the%20request.)

<https://www.wvl.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

<https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information>

Please be aware that the below links are for private organisations, who are not subject to FOI requests:

<https://www.communityeyecare.uk/contact-us/>

<https://www.northernalliance.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information-requests>

<https://www.isightclinics.com/contact-us/>

<https://www.ramsayhealth.co.uk/contact>

<https://www.spamedica.co.uk/patient-information/privacy-notice/>

You will note that we have applied an exemption to questions 2 and 3. This is explained below:

Question No.	Reason for exemption
2 and 3	Section 40 (2) - Information can be withheld by the ICB if it relates to information which constitutes personal data.

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

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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