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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 72278**

I refer to your email of 15 January 2024 requesting information in relation to cataract and YAG capsulotomy services and providers.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see further details below:

**Under The Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:**

**Please note** – The Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) Code Descriptions don't differentiate between YAG/non-YAG for capsulotomies therefore the (HRG) data detailed in the response below is cataract specific.

- 1. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures for the ICB.**

Anglia Community Eye Services  
Boston West Hospital  
Community Health & Eyecare Ltd  
Fitzwilliam Hospital  
Lincoln Hospital  
Newmedica  
Optegra  
Spamedica  
St. Hugh's Hospital  
Woodthorpe Hospital

2. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that had a contract for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.

Aces

New Medical Systems Limited

Spamedica

3. For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that undertook Non Contract Activity for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.

Boston West Hospital

Community Health & Eyecare Ltd

Fitzwilliam Hospital

Lincoln Hospital

Optegra

St. Hugh's Hospital

Woodthorpe Hospital

4. For each unique independent sector provider, please list the price paid for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (where a range of HRG codes apply please provide the complete list of HRG codes, number of specific patient claims made against each code and price paid):

- Cataract; and
- YAG capsulotomy.

Prices taken from the national tariffs for HRG codes

Provider	Cost per Cataract Procedure
Anglia Community Eye Services	£ 737.46
Circle health Group Limited	£ 837.98
Community Health & Eyecare Ltd	£ 495.25
HMT Hospitals	£ 859.01
New Medical Systems Limited	£ 742.86
Optegra UK	£ 108.00
Ramsay Healthcare UK Operations Limited	£ 705.26
Spamedica	£ 862.06

**5. Please name and provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by each independent sector provider for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023:**

- **Cataract; and**
- **YAG capsulotomy.**

Please see \* note below

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Cataract Procedures</b>
Anglia Community Eye Services	1,978
Boston West Hospital	1,124
Fitzwilliam Hospital	540
Lincoln Hospital	213
Newmedica	2,323
Spamedica	3,319
St. Hugh's Hospital	454
Other	15

**6. For and by each independent sector provider, please list the price charged for pre-operative and post-operative outpatient consultations associated with the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (including stating the services provided):**

- **Cataract; and**
- **YAG capsulotomy**

This information is not held by the ICB

**7. For the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra and Optimax and Spamedica) that provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures for the ICB.**

Anglia Community Eye Services  
 Boston West Hospital  
 Community Health & Eyecare Ltd  
 Fitzwilliam Hospital  
 Lincoln Hospital  
 Newmedica  
 Practice Plus Group  
 Spamedica  
 St. Hugh's Hospital  
 Woodthorpe Hospital

**8. For the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that had a contract for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.**

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New Medical Systems Limited

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**9. For the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023, please provide the names of any independent sector providers (such as but not limited to ACES, CHEC, Newmedica, Optegra, Optimax and Spamedica) that undertook Non Contract Activity for Ophthalmology services with the ICB.**

Circle health Group Limited

Community Health & Eyecare Ltd

HMT Hospital

Practice Plus Group

Ramsay Healthcare UK Operations Limited

The Stoneygate Eye Hospital

**10. For each unique independent sector provider, please list the price paid for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023 (where a range of HRG codes apply please provide the complete list of HRG codes, number of specific patient claims made against each code and price paid):**

- **Cataract; and**
- **YAG capsulotomy.**

Prices taken from the national tariffs for HRG codes

Provider	Cost per Cataract Procedure
Anglia Community Eye Services	£ 816.18
Circle Health Group Limited	£ 874.27
Community Health & Eyecare Ltd	£ 860.00
HMT Hospitals	£ 890.51
New Medical Systems Limited	£ 836.90
Practice Plus Group	£ 860.00
Ramsay Healthcare UK Operations Limited	£ 768.58
Spamedica	£ 812.16
The Stoneygate Eye Hospital	£ 860.00

**11. Please name and provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by each independent sector provider for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023:**

- **Cataract; and**
- **YAG capsulotomy.**

Please see \* note below

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Cataracts</b>
Anglia Community Eye Services	832
Boston West Hospital	814
Fitzwilliam Hospital	195
Lincoln Hospital	107
Newmedica	1,079
Other	3
Spamedica	1,669
St. Hugh's Hospital	101
Woodthorpe Hospital	8

**12. For and by each independent sector provider, please list the price charged for pre-operative and post-operative outpatient consultations associated with the following surgical procedures for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023 (including stating the services provided):**

- **Cataract; and**
- **YAG capsulotomy**

**This information is not held by the ICB**

Please note

\* Data includes inpatient and outpatient activity assigned with the following HRG codes:

B13 Phakoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Insertion of Lens  
 B14 Non Phakoemulsification Cataract Surgery  
 B15 Other Lens Surgery Low Complexity  
 BZ01A Enhanced Cataract Surgery with CC Score 2+  
 BZ01B Enhanced Cataract Surgery with CC Score 0-1  
 BZ01Z Enhanced Cataract Surgery  
 BZ02A Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 5+  
 BZ02B Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 2-4  
 BZ02C Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 0-1  
 BZ02Z Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant  
 BZ03A Non-Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery with CC Score 1+  
 BZ03B Non-Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery with CC Score 0  
 BZ03Z Non-Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery  
 BZ04A Lens Capsulotomy with CC Score 1+  
 BZ04B Lens Capsulotomy with CC Score 0  
 BZ04Z Lens Capsulotomy  
 BZ30A Complex, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+  
 BZ30B Complex, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1  
 BZ31A Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+  
 BZ31B Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1

BZ32A Intermediate, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+  
BZ32B Intermediate, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1  
BZ33Z Minor, Cataract or Lens Procedures  
BZ34A Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 4+  
BZ34B Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 2-3  
BZ34C Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 0-1

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team  
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East Street  
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Yours faithfully

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Senior Freedom of Information Officer  
**On behalf of NHS Lincolnshire ICB**