

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/159

Subject: Ophthalmology Expenditure & Referrals

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE																														
<p>A. The expenditure by the ICB and its predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on the purchase of cataract operations for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21</p> <p>B. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from independent non-NHS providers for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.</p> <p>C. The amount of total expenditure on the purchase of cataract operations by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs from NHS Trusts for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.</p> <p>D. The number of cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs for the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21 from a) NHS Trusts b) independent non-NHS providers</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="1108 758 2083 965"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"></th> <th>2018/2019</th> <th>2019/2020</th> <th>2020/2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A)</td> <td>Total Cost</td> <td>£7,334,776</td> <td>£6,706,236</td> <td>£2,446,466</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B)</td> <td>Independent Sector (IS) Cost</td> <td>£3,621,848</td> <td>£3,409,906</td> <td>£1,497,756</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C)</td> <td>NHS Cost</td> <td>£3,712,928</td> <td>£3,296,330</td> <td>£948,710</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D) a)</td> <td>NHS Activity</td> <td>4454</td> <td>3784</td> <td>1129</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D) b)</td> <td>IS Activity</td> <td>4455</td> <td>4159</td> <td>1868</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>E, F, G and H: All referrals for the years requested were required to be sent via the GP or secondary care consultant. No referrals were accepted direct from Optometrists.</p> <p>We do not have this information for inpatient procedures as it is not coded in the data. The below is outpatient procedures only, the numbers 5 and under have been suppressed.</p>			2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	A)	Total Cost	£7,334,776	£6,706,236	£2,446,466	B)	Independent Sector (IS) Cost	£3,621,848	£3,409,906	£1,497,756	C)	NHS Cost	£3,712,928	£3,296,330	£948,710	D) a)	NHS Activity	4454	3784	1129	D) b)	IS Activity	4455	4159	1868
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- E. The source of the referrals for the cataract operations purchased by the ICB and its predecessor CCGs in the independent non-NHS sector the financial years 2018-19; 2019-2020; 2020-21.
- F. (For clarification I am interested in a) the percentage of the referrals for cataract surgery which were made by a GP or by an optometrist b) the company or organisation which made the largest number of referrals for cataract surgery in the independent non-NHS sector for each of the years cited above).
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	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
NHS	391	307	130
Consultant	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd
Educational Establishment	174	163	45
Emergency services	208	135	83
GP	No. Suprssd		
Optometrist	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd
Orthoptist	No. Suprssd		
Other	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd	
Self referral		No. Suprssd	
Work		No. Suprssd	
IS	204	228	187
Consultant	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd
Educational Establishment	No. Suprssd	No. Suprssd	
Emergency services	184	171	155
General Medical Practitioner			
Local Authority Social Services			
Optometrist		No. Suprssd	
Other	17	51	31

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 30 January 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.