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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Ophthalmology

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 2nd March 2021.

You Asked for:

1. Please provide details of the referral pathway (by Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)) for patients who are being referred for Cataract surgery. Please state if referrals are made to a provider directly, via the patients GP or other route of referral. (if other, please provide details).
2. Please provide the name and location of all commissioned providers for Cataract surgery within the CCG (s).
3. Please provide the name and location of all providers offering Cataract surgery within your CCG (s) through non-commissioned activity.
4. For the providers detailed in your response to questions 2 and 3. Please provide the total number of completed Cataract surgery for the periods 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 (to date).
5. For the providers detailed in your response to question 2. Please provide the current wait times for Cataract surgery.
6. Please confirm when your current contract that includes Cataract surgery is due to expire and if there is an option to extend services. If there is an option to extend, please advise on how long for.
7. Please confirm then name and contact details of the individual(s) who manage this contract within the CCG(s).

Our Response:

1. Patients can be referred to any of our three providers for cataract surgery via their GP or Community Optometrist.
2. Please see below for the three commissioned providers:
 - Spamedica Ltd (SpaMedica House ,43 Churchgate Bolton, BL1 1HU)
 - Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) (Arrowe Park Hospital, Arrowe Park Road, Wirral, CH49 5PE)
 - Spire Healthcare Limited (Registered Office 3 Dorset Rise, London, EC4Y 8EN)
3. Not applicable.

4. Please see the table below:

Cataract Procedures	19/20	20/21	Total
SpaMedica	3,130	1,523	4,653
Spire Murrayfield	232	*	232
WUTH	1,612	0	1,612
Total	4,974	1,523	6,497
*Unable to provide activity due to block contract arrangements			

5. Please see below for the waiting times for new referrals for each provider (referral to treatment):

- SpaMedica – 11 weeks
- Spire – 8 weeks
- WUTH – 30 weeks

6. Two contracts for cataract surgery are in the process of being awarded under the Increasing Capacity Framework and will initially be for 6 months in duration. Potentially longer contracts will be awarded subsequently, dependent upon the outcome of a mini competition under the framework. The cataract service provided by our local acute Trust is included within their main annual contract from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

7. Please see below for further information:

For WUTH:

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We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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