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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CATARACT SURGERY

I write in response to your request for information in relation cataract surgery.

Question:

1. Number of procedures (April 2024 – YTD). The overall / total spend on cataract surgery procedures each financial year by year across your Health Board from 2018/19 to 2023/24. Please additionally supply the total spend on cataract surgery procedures across your Health Board for the financial year of 2024/25 if this is presently available.

Answer:

		Optical Express	Spire Shawfair Park Hospital	The Edinburgh Clinic/ Nuffield Edinburgh Hospital	Golden Jubilee Hospital
2018/19	Activity	0	0	0	1787
	Cost	£0	£0	£0	£786,000
2019/20	Activity	0	55	119	1755
	Cost	£0	£60,500	£113,450	£792,123
2020/21	Activity	0	0	73	573
	Cost	£0	£0	£82,290	£266,383
2021/22	Activity	0	0	155	2208
	Cost	£0	£0	£165,540	£810,652
2022/23	Activity	359	47	115	1803
	Cost	£448,750	£70,500	£133,700	£894,346
2023/24	Activity	667	619	520	1760
	Cost	£833,750	£945,000	£618,800	£916,670
2024/25	Activity	0	312	90	2195
	Cost	£0	£471,000	£105,910	£1,167,013

No other providers were used.

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name of Lothian Health Board

Question:

2. The overall / total number of cataract surgery procedures undertaken each financial year by year across your Health Board from 2018/19 to 2023/24. Please additionally supply the overall / total number of cataract surgery procedures across your Health Board for the financial year of 2024/25 if this is presently available.

Answer:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total	7,272	7,259	2,657	4,602	5,351	8,019	4,413

Question:

3. The overall / total spend on cataract surgery procedures each financial year by year across your Health Board to each NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Provider from 2018/19 to 2023/24 broken down by individual NHS Hospital and Private Provider. Please additionally supply the total spend on cataract surgery procedures across your Health Board to each NHS Hospital and Private Provider on an individual level for the financial year of 2024/25 if this is presently available. Please specifically specify your answer to Question 3 for the following Private Providers:

- a) Optical Express
- b) Spire Healthcare – Shawfair Park Hospital (Edinburgh)
- c) Ross Hall Hospital (Circle Health Group) (Glasgow)
- d) Albyn Hospital (Circle Health Group) (Aberdeen)
- e) Nuffield Edinburgh Hospital (formerly The Edinburgh Clinic – Aspen Group)
- f) Nuffield Health Glasgow Hospital
- g) BMI Kings Park Hospital (Circle Health Group)
- h) Vision Scotland
- i) Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire
- j) Another Private Provider Not Listed

Answer:

See response to question 1

Question:

4. The overall / total number of cataract surgery procedures undertaken in each financial year by year across your Health Board by each NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Provider from 2018/19 to 2023/24 broken down by individual NHS Hospital and Private Provider. Please additionally supply the total number of cataract surgery procedures undertaken by each NHS Hospital and Private Provider across your Health Board by each NHS Hospital and Private Provider on an individual level for the financial year of 2024/25 if this is presently available. Please specifically specify your answer to Question 4 for the following Private Providers:

- a) Optical Express
- b) Spire Healthcare – Shawfair Park Hospital (Edinburgh)
- c) Ross Hall Hospital (Circle Health Group) (Glasgow)
- d) Albyn Hospital (Circle Health Group) (Aberdeen)
- e) Nuffield Edinburgh Hospital (formerly The Edinburgh Clinic – Aspen Group)
- f) Nuffield Health Glasgow Hospital
- g) BMI Kings Park Hospital (Circle Health Group)
- h) Vision Scotland
- i) Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire
- j) Another Private Provider Not Listed

Answer:

See response to Question 1.

Question:

5. For the period 1st of April 2024 to YTD, please provide the names of all in NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Providers that have undertaken Cataract Surgery, YAG capsulotomy procedures, General Ophthalmology outpatient, Oculoplastic services, AMD services & Glaucoma services of any description to the Health Board.

Answer:

Dr Alan Mulvihill	Dr Louise Willins
Dr Ali Miqdad AJ Al-Ani	Dr Manjit S Mehat
Dr Andrew J Tatham	Dr Mary E MacRae
Dr Anna M Armbrrecht-Cabrera	Dr Meghomala Das
Dr Ashish Agrawal	Dr Mei-ling Cheng
Dr Ashraf Ali Khan	Dr Naing Latt Tint
Dr Celia Fernandez Alcalde	Dr P Koay
Dr Colin R Goudie	Dr Pankaj K Agarwal
Dr Conrad LL Schmoll	Dr Paul J Steptoe
Dr Elizabeth A Fairley	Dr Peter Cackett
Dr Frederick Robert Burgess	Dr Robert G Peden
Dr H Devlin	Dr Roly D Megaw
Dr Harry GB Bennett	Dr Stephen A Madill
Dr Ian JC MacCormick	Dr Sarah Vez
Dr Ida Boron	Dr Tej M Rane-Malcolm
Dr James Cameron	Dr Tin Kin Chan
Dr Jan Kerr	Dr Yan Tong Koh
Dr Jaswinder Singh	Daniel Beck

Dr Jonathan RS Whittle	Dr Martin Anderson
Dr Juli M Zanetta	Dr Roxanne Annoh
Dr Justin B McKee	Dr Mark R Wright
Dr Karen E Madill	Dr Kim Ah-See
Dr Lai Ling Tan	Dr Juan Lyn Ang

Question:

6. Please provide the number of patients on waiting lists for cataract surgery at the Health Board as of:
 - a) 1 January 2019
 - b) 1 January 2020
 - c) 1 January 2021
 - d) 1 January 2022
 - e) 1 January 2023
 - f) 1 January 2024
 - g) 1 January 2025

7. Please provide the number and percentage of patients who were waiting longer than 18 weeks from the date of referral to cataract surgery as of:
 - a) 1 January 2019
 - b) 1 January 2020
 - c) 1 January 2021
 - d) 1 January 2022
 - e) 1 January 2023
 - f) 1 January 2024
 - g) 1 January 2025

8. Please provide the maximum and average wait times of patients on waiting lists for cataract surgery at the Health Board as of:
 - h) 1 January 2019
 - i) 1 January 2020
 - j) 1 January 2021
 - k) 1 January 2022
 - l) 1 January 2023
 - m) 1 January 2024
 - n) 1 January 2025

Answer:

Date	List Size	Over 18 Weeks	Waits		90th Percentile
			Over 18 Weeks (%)	Average	
01/01/2019	1233	29	2.4	45	82
01/01/2020	933	51	5.5	48	93
01/01/2021	376	102	27.1	109	334
01/01/2022	903	103	11.4	71	131
01/01/2023	1665	736	44.2	136	293
01/01/2024	1304	214	16.4	75	157
01/01/2025	907	193	21.3	91	184

Question:

9. Please provide the number and percentage of NHS funded patients who had Immediate Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery at Hospitals and Private Providers (individually and collectively) within your Health Board in each of the following financial years:
- 2019/2020
 - 2020/2021
 - 2021/2022
 - 2022/2023
 - 2023/2024
 - 2024/2025

Answer:

Year	Bilateral Procedures
2019-20	12
2020-21	7
2021-22	6
2022-23	0
2023-24	5<
2024-25	5<

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the tables above and also the 90th percentile. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

Question:

10. Please provide the minimum, maximum and average number of eyes treated on cataract surgery lists (by session, up to 4 hours) at Hospitals and Private Providers (individually by provider) within your Health Board in each of the following financial years:

- a) 2019/2020
- b) 2020/2021
- c) 2021/2022
- d) 2022/2023
- e) 2023/2024
- f) 2024/2025

Answer:

Hospital	Year	Eyes Per Session		
		Minumum	Maximum	Average
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION	2019/20	1.0	8.0	5.4
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION	2020/21	1.0	7.0	4.1
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION	2021/22	1.0	6.0	4.4
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION	2022/23	1.0	8.0	5.2
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION	2023/24	1.0	8.0	5.9
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION	2024/25	1.0	9.0	5.5
ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AT HOWDEN	2019/20	1.1	8.0	5.5
ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AT HOWDEN	2020/21	2.3	5.7	3.8
ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AT HOWDEN	2021/22	1.1	5.7	3.6
ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AT HOWDEN	2022/23	2.3	5.7	4.0
ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AT HOWDEN	2023/24	1.1	2.3	1.7
ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL AT HOWDEN	2024/25	1.2	8.0	4.8

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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