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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 31st July 2019. Your request sought information relating to ophthalmology.

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. Therefore as this request asks for information prior to this date we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

1. In the first quarter of the current financial year, and each of the two previous financial years, how many ophthalmology cases were referred from any of the Health Board's hospitals, or managed on the hospital's behalf by, independent healthcare provider(s)?

2017/2018 – 482 (outsourced)

2018/2019 – 485 (outsourced), 488 (insourced)

2019/20 (1st quarter) - 0

2. If so, which organisations were involved?

Sancta Maria, St Josephs, Bridgend Clinic and Medinet

3. How was work allocated between them?

This was based on the capacity available.



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4. Was any of the care subcontracted between the independent providers?

No

5. If so, who subcontracted to whom?

Not applicable

6. Were the arrangements for these patients 'insourcing', 'outsourcing', 'sub-contracting' or another form of arrangement?

Insourcing and Outsourcing

7. When were the contracts for these services commenced and when do they finish?

2017/18 and 2018/19 were covered under the ABMU (as was) Framework Agreement.

8. When and how were these contracts procured? Specifically, please confirm when and how they were advertised, and which procurement regime was applied?

The contracts were procured through a formal competitive process in 2015/16 under the ABMU (as was) Framework Agreement. The process was led by NWSSP Procurement Services on behalf of the Health Board and the framework was put in place to run to 31st March 2016 with the option to extend to a further two, 1 year periods. It was anticipated that the All Wales Framework would be in place for 1st April 2018 however this was delayed and therefore a further extension period of the ABMU Framework was allowed.

9. Please provide a copy of the contracts procured.

Dependant on the procurement route, either framework T&Cs or NHS Standard R&Cs for services were used. These were accompanied by a specification and clear deliverable. However an actual copy of the contracts is withheld.

Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

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I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.



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Yours sincerely



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