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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Your request sought information relating to outsourced cataract providers.

Please note that annually, as part of the Integrated Medium Term planning process, our Service Delivery Units are required to develop Demand and Capacity Referral to Treatment (RTT) Delivery Plans. These identify additional internal and external solutions, above core capacity, to make services sustainable and reduce any backlog of patients waiting where relevant.

Whilst consideration is made for the impact of unscheduled care pressures on our scheduled care systems, periods of exceptional pressure care can impact on the balance of the demand and capacity plans for scheduled care. This position is under constant review and where necessary (and possible) corrective action is taken to recover lost capacity. This can involve the use of outside providers as part of the recovery plans.

Therefore plans are scrutinised and internal solutions utilising our own workforce and facilities are maximised wherever possible before decisions to commission external capacity is approved.

**1. For the period 1st of April 2019 to 31st of March 2020, please provide the names of all independent sector providers that have provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures to you.**

- Sancta Maria Hospital, Swansea
- Werndale BMI Healthcare, Swansea



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- St Joseph's BMI Healthcare, Newport
- Droitwich Spa BMI Healthcare
- Bridgend Eye Clinic

- 2. Please provide the total number of procedures (per eye) completed by independent providers (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) for the following surgical procedures between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
  - c. YAG capsulotomy**

Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold the detail on lens type and CCSD code for external providers. Please instead see breakdown of total cataract procedures by provider.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sancta Maria Hospital, Swansea       | 193 Cataracts |
| Werndale BMI Healthcare, Carmarthen  |               |
| St. Joseph's BMI Healthcare, Newport | 138 Cataracts |
| Droitwich Spa, BMI Healthcare        |               |
| Bridgend Eye Clinic                  | 71 Cataracts  |

- 3. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Optegra (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) for the following surgical procedures between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
  - c. YAG capsulotomy**

Not applicable – we have not used Optegra

- 4. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Spamedica for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
  - c. YAG capsulotomy.**

Not applicable - we have not used Spamedica

- 5. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Newmedica for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**



**c. YAG capsulotomy.**

Not applicable - we have not used Newmedica

**6. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy.**

Not applicable - we have not used ACES

**7. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Optical Express for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy.**

Not applicable - we have not used Optical Express

**8. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by any independent sector provider other than those listed above (Optegra, Spamedica, Newmedica, ACES & Optical Express) for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. YAG capsulotomy.**

Not applicable – see question 1

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office



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Yours sincerely



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