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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19 October 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to cost of cataract procedures and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Please provide the total amount spent by you for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed by independent providers between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;

£182,479 spent April 2019 – March 2020

b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and

£0.00

c. YAG capsulotomy?

£0.00

Optegra

2. Please provide the total amount paid to Optegra for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed 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?

3. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optegra for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatment between

1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

4. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optegra for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatment between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

5. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optegra for YAG capsulotomy treatment between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

6. When is your contract with Optegra for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Please note the answers to questions 2-6 are not applicable as the Trust has not used this company during the period in question.

Spamedica

7. Please provide the total amount paid to Spamedica for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed 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?

8. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Spamedica for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

9. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Spamedica for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

10. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Spamedica for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:
- Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
 - Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

11. When is your contract with Spamedica for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Please note the answers to questions 7-11 are not applicable as the Trust has not used this company during the period in question.

Newmedica

12. Please provide the total amount paid to Newmedica for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- YAG capsulotomy?

13. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Newmedica for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

14. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Newmedica for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

15. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Newmedica for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

16. When is your contract with Newmedica for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Please note the answers to questions 12-16 are not applicable as the Trust has not used this company during the period in question.

Anglia Community Eye Service

17. Please provide the total amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed 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?

18. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

19. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

20. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

21. When is your contract with Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Please note the answers to questions 17-21 are not applicable as the Trust has not used this company during the period in question.

Optical Express

22. Please provide the total amount paid to Optical Express for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed 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?

23. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optical Express for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;

b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

24. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optical Express for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;

b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

25. Please provide a breakdown of the amount paid to Optical Express for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;

b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?

26. When is your contract with Optical Express for the provision of cataract procedures due for renewal?

Please note the answers to questions 22-26 are not applicable as the Trust has not used this company during the period in question.

Other providers

27. For the period 1st of April 2019 to 31st of March 2020, please provide the names of any additional independent sector providers that have provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures to the Group?

The Trust used 18 Week Support Llp.

28. For each additional independent provider please provide the total amount paid for the following procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) performed between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;

The Trust used 18 Week Support Llp. See Q1a for answer

b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and

The Trust used 18 Week Support Llp. See Q1b for answer

c. YAG capsulotomy?

The Trust used 18 Week Support Llp. See Q1c for answer

29. For each additional independent provider please provide a breakdown of the amount paid for Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric)

Intraocular Lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedures;**
- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?**

The Trust does not have a breakdown of the costs as requested as the costs as shown in Q1 are based on the procedure undertaken to cover all associated costs.

30. For each additional independent provider please provide a breakdown of the amount paid for Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;**

N/A.

- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?**

£0.00

31. For each additional independent provider please provide a breakdown of the amount paid for YAG capsulotomy treatments between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, indicating:

- a. Amount paid in fees for the surgical procedure;**

N/A.

- b. Amount paid in pre- and post-operative consultation fees (including stating the services provided)?**

£0.00.

32. For each additional independent provider please state when your contract for cataract procedures is due for renewal?

The Trust does not have any cataracts contracts.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with

the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer