

Ref: FOI 116

10 September 2019

Dear Requestor

**Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 21 August 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

Any information supplied to you is protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication and subscription charge, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

Please note that, under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations, if you wish to publish or otherwise use this information besides for your own means, you will need to seek our permission to do so.

If you are unhappy with this response, you are entitled to request an internal review of our decision, handled where possible by a member of staff not directly involved in the initial decision. If you wish to request such a review, please write direct to the Data Protection Officer, NHS Dorset, Ground Floor, West Wing, Vespasian House, Barrack Road, Dorchester DT1 1TG. We aim to deal with requests for internal review within three weeks of receipt, although where the issues involved are very complicated this period may be extended up to a total of six weeks.

If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

***Signature Removed***

**Paddy Baker**  
Data Protection Officer  
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

**Reference: FOI 116**

**Q1:**

Do you have contracts in place for the diagnosis, and monitoring of glaucoma?

**Response:**

This is part of our contracts with Acute Hospital Trusts and the Community Ophthalmology Service for ophthalmology services. Dorset CCG also has contracts with Optician Practices at a local level to provide shared care glaucoma monitoring only.

**Q2:**

Can you please confirm the providers who are currently accredited to deliver this service?

**Response:**

The Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Dorset County Hospital and Evolutio Community Service currently provide Glaucoma diagnosis and monitoring. We are currently unable to verify the glaucoma shared care providers whilst working through the process of contract renewal with them.

**Q3:**

Can you please confirm whether the CCG paid any 'non-contracted' providers for the delivery of the service?

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG can confirm that no payments to non-contracted providers have been made in the current financial year.

**Q4:**

Can you please confirm the service pathway and requirements for the current diagnosis and monitoring of Glaucoma pathways?

**Response:**

The CCG is currently reviewing the glaucoma pathways between community and hospital services directly with providers.

**Q5:**

Can you please confirm the tariffs that the CCG currently pays for each part of the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathway?

**Response:**

The Royal Bournemouth Hospital and Dorset County Hospital ophthalmology services are paid as per the National Tariff with Dorset CCG. The tariffs for Evolutio Community Ophthalmology Service are:

- First Attendance -£65.79,
- Follow-up Attendances - £41.08,
- Telemedicine for Consultant' Virtual Review' £10.27

**Q6:**

Can the CCG please confirm the number of episodes that they paid for under each part of the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathway during the following periods?

- April 2017-March 2018
- April 2018 - March 2019
- April 2019 - July 2019

**Response:**

The CCG does not hold this information.

**Q7:**

Can the CCG please provide a copy of the service specification for each part of the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathway?

**Response:**

The CCG holds a service specification for Glaucoma Shared Care only.

All service specifications are externally available on the Dorset CCG internet website

<https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/>.

**Q8:**

Can the CCG please confirm when the current contracts for Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathways both started, and are due to expire?

**Response:**

Contracts with The Royal Bournemouth Hospital and Dorset County Hospital are for 2 years from 1st April 2019 and will expire in March 2021. The contract with Evolutio Community Service commenced in April 2018 and expires in March 2021.

**Q9:**

Can you please confirm if the current contract has an option to further extend? If so, for how long?

**Response:**

The Hospital contracts have option to extend for one year. The Evolutio Community Ophthalmology Service has an option to extend for 2 years.

**Q10:**

Can the CCG please confirm their intentions on what happens with the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring when they expire?

**Response:**

The intention for glaucoma diagnosis and monitoring when the contracts expire has not yet been considered and agreed by the CCG.