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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 8th July 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to cataract surgery provision. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

Name of NHS Trust(s) in the CCG geographical boundary?

Response:

Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Q2:

Does the CCG have / commission a Referral Management (Assessment) Centre that includes Cataract Surgery referrals?

Response:

No.

Q3:

If yes, please name the provider that manages it. If inhouse, please state inhouse?

Response:

Not Applicable.

Q4:

For Cataract Surgery – which providers are commissioned to provide this surgery via NHS Standard Contract?

Response:

Cataract surgery under the NHS Constitution is a 'choice' service so patients can choose to go to any provider that holds an NHS Standard Contract. The CCG is either the co-ordinating commissioner or a party to the contracts with:

- Dorset County Hospital
- Royal Bournemouth Hospital
- Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital
- Salisbury Hospital
- Taunton & Somerset Hospitals
- University Hospitals Southampton
- Yeovil Hospital
- University Hospitals Bristol

- BMI Harbour & Winterbourne Hospitals
- Ramsey New Hall Hospital
- Shepton Mallet NHS Treatment Centre

Q5:

Is this as a block / AQP / NCA arrangement? Please state for each provider, including date (if applicable) the contract expires?

Response:

Cataract surgery Providers are paid on National Tariff.

Dorset CCG has existing contracts with the following providers which expire in 31/03/2022 with an option to extend for 24 months:

- Dorset County Hospital
- Royal Bournemouth Hospital
- Salisbury Hospital
- BMI Harbour & Winterbourne Hospitals
- Ramsey New Hall Hospital

Dorset CCG is co-commissioner for the following contracts which expired on 31/03/2020 with option to extend for 12 months

- University Hospitals Southampton

Dorset CCG is a co-commissioner for the following contracts which expire on 31/03/2022 but with no option to extend:

- Taunton & Somerset Hospitals
- Yeovil Hospital

Dorset CCG is co-commissioner for the following contracts which expired on 31/03/2020

- Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital
- University Hospitals Bristol
- Shepton Mallet NHS Treatment Centre

Q6:

Is there an extension clause in the relevant contracts? If so, please state length of extension and name of provider it relates to?

Response:

Please see response to Q5.

Q7:

For Cataract Surgery – which providers have provided Cataract Surgery on a Non-Contract Activity Basis since 01/01/20?

Response:

This can be obtained from [national HES data](#).

Q8:

Does the CCG operate a Prior Approval Policy for cataract surgery? If yes, please attach the policy in your response?

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does have a Criteria Based Access Protocol for cataract surgery (please see the attached document).

Q9:

What was the average waiting time and waiting numbers of patients, in June 2020 and June 2019 for patients waiting for non-complex cataract surgery at the local NHS Trust? If unable to provide at that level, please state and provide information at Ophthalmology Specialty?

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information. This information can be obtained directly from providers.