

FOI REF: 21/434

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. Clinicians & Sites

a. Who is the clinical lead for Ophthalmology?

[Mr Kashif Qureshi](#)

b. How many cataract surgeons do you have?

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has 10 consultants who undertake cataract surgery.](#)

c. How many sites within the Trust currently do cataracts surgery?

[Two sites.](#)

d. If more than one, please specify.

[Bexhill Hospital and Eastbourne District General Hospital.](#)

2. Intraocular Lenses

a. When is your current Intraocular lens contract for Ophthalmology up for renewal?

[December 2021.](#)

b. Who is your current Intraocular lens provider/providers?

[Alcon](#)

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c. **Which model of lens is used routinely?**

SN60WF.

d. **How long will future Intraocular lens contracts run for?**

3 years.

e. **Do you use Toric lenses for NHS patients or for private? Pls Specify which.**

Toric lenses are used for private patients only.

f. **Who is your current Toric Lens supplier?**

Either Spectrum or Alcon, dependent on the Consultant.

g. **Do you have a Toric pathway?**

No.

h. **Do you currently have a managed service in place for Ophthalmology?**

No.

i. **Which route to market do you currently use?**

NHS Supply Chain.

i.e. Direct, EJEU tender, NHSSC/Category Tower, CPC, SBS, HTE or other (please specify)

3. **Cataract Surgical Equipment**

a. **When is your Phaco machinery contract up for renewal?**

Trust owned, therefore not on contract.

b. **How many Phaco machines do you currently have at your sites?**

3.

c. **Are they still fit for purpose?**

Yes.

d. **Who is your current provider of the Phaco machinery?**

Alcon.

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e. **How long will the future Phaco contract run for?**

3 years, until we have paid for the machine.

f. **Which route to market do you currently use?**

NHSSC/Category Tower – NHS Supply Chain.

i.e. Direct, EJEU tender, NHSSC/Category Tower, CPC, SBS, HTE or other (please specify)

4. **Cataract Packs**

a. **When is your cataract custom packs contract up for renewal?**

December 2021.

b. **Who is your current custom packs provider?**

Alcon.

c. **How long will your custom packs contract run for?**

3 years.

d. **How many cataract procedures were done in the financial year 2019 - 2020?**

There have been 3205 cataract procedures performed in 2019/20.

e. **Which route to market do you currently use?**

NHSSC/Category Tower – NHS Supply Chain.

i.e. Direct, EJEU tender, NHSSC/Category Tower, CPC, SBS, HTE or other (please specify)

5. **OVD – Viscoelastic Solutions**

a. **Are you in a contract for OVD Sodium Hyaluronate for cataract surgery?**

Yes.

b. **If so when is that contract due?**

December 2021.

c. **Who is the supplier of OVD Sodium Hyaluronate?**

Alcon.

- d. **Can you state the specific product line?**
Provisc.
- e. **Is this procured through Pharmacy?**
Yes.
- f. **Are you in a contract for and HPMC for cataract surgery?**
The Trust are in a contract with Provisc, not HPMC.
- g. **If so when is that contract due?**
Not applicable.
- h. **Who is the supplier of OVD HPMC?**
BVI.
- i. **Can you state the specific product line?**
BVI HPMC 2%.
- j. **Is this procured through Pharmacy?**
Yes.

6. Procurement –

- a. **Who is the procurement contact for Ophthalmology?**
Michael Say.
Deputy Head of Procurement.
- b. **Can you provide an email address for the above contact?**
Michael.Say@nhs.net
- c. **Which route to market do you currently use? I.e. Direct, EJEU tender, NHSSC/Category Tower, CPC, SBS, HTE or other (please specify)**
CCP Framework.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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