

FOI REF: 22/577

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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:

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the pricing and volume of outsourcing service-line agreements in ophthalmology.

1. Please can you provide the total spend and volumes for your organisation towards outsourcing the following ophthalmology procedure groups (see below) for the past 5 financial years (FY2016-17, FY2017-18, FY2018-19, FY2019-20, FY2020-21):

- **Cataract surgery**
- **AMD – eye injections**
- **AMD - photodynamic therapy**
- **LASIK**
- **SMILE**
- **Surface laser treatments (PRK, LASEK and TransPRK)**

If there are sub-categorisations within these procedure groups or categorisations different to those provided, please provide the total price and volumes for them as well.

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust can confirm a total of £144,698 expenditure on outsourced Cataract procedures via 18 Week Support LLP in 2016/17.](#)

[There have been no other Ophthalmology procedures outsourced during the periods requested.](#)

2. Additionally, can you please provide the outsourcing volumes split by ophthalmology provider to which your organisation currently outsources ophthalmology procedures to? If such a granular data breakdown is not available, can you please simply list the ophthalmology groups to which your organisation outsources to?

[2016/17](#) [247 cataract procedures](#)

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

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Yours sincerely

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