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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 10th September 2015

You Asked for:

Under the Freedom of information act I would like to ask the following questions in relation to your commissioning of Cataract procedures.

- 1) How many procedures have you commissioned for the 2015/16 financial year?**
NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group have planned for 3,294 Cataract procedures for 2015/16.
- 2) When was this work commissioned and how many providers were contracted?**
A significant amount of activity was commissioned from 3 NHS Trusts through core service arrangements from 1st April 2015 on a rolling basis. The remaining 2 providers were commissioned from 11/12 and 15/16 on a rolling basis.
- 3) When does your current cataract period come to an end?**
Please see the answer to question 2.
- 4) At what point in time will you be tendering for future cataract contracts, and where will this be advertised?**
NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group are currently developing a Contracting Strategy, any tender opportunities will be advertised on Contracts Finder.
- 5) In order to be considered as a supplier in the future do providers need to be registered under Any Qualified Provider in advance and if so who is the correct contact to begin this process.**
There is no opportunity for bidders to undertake assessment until the AQP window is either opened to provide an opportunity for other providers to be placed on the framework, or the Clinical Commissioning Group decides to re-procure the service at the end of the contract period.

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