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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request - Ophthalmology**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **You Asked for:**

1. Please confirm the organisations commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provide Ophthalmology services to your patients
2. Please can you confirm if your ophthalmology services are contracted on a Payment by Result (PbR), Block or another tariff and when this contract is due to end?
3. Please confirm the 2020/21 annualised activity levels of contract values at:
  - a. CCG Level
  - b. Provider Level
4. Please confirm the end dates of your current commissioned ophthalmology providers.
5. Please confirm who (if any) providers are providing ophthalmology services to patients without a contract where a patient has exercised their right to choose a provider.
6. Please advise what services have been commissioned to Opticians.
7. Do you commission services to inject Avastin?
8. Which drugs do you currently authorise for Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) treatments?
9. Who are your contracted AMD providers within the CCG?
10. Is Nurse Led Intravitreal Injections part of the plan for NHS Shortfall for your CCG Commissioning plans/intentions?
11. How many of your existing contract providers contract arrangements are now in their extension period?

### **Our Response:**

1. Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH), Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC), SpaMedica, Spire Murrayfield, Primary EyeCare Wirral Ltd and Wirral Vision are commissioned to provide Ophthalmology services.
2. Please see table below.
3. Please see table below.

	Q2	Q3		
Providers	Contract Type	20/21 Activity	20/21 Value	Narrative
Wirral University Teaching Hospital	Block	0	0	Unable to provide Activity/Spend due to the 20/21 mandated block contract arrangements
Wirral Community Trust	Block	0	0	
SpaMedica	PBR	6,416	£1,672,766	
Spire Murrayfield	PBR	0	0	Unable to provide Activity/Spend - SLA contracted by NHS England in 20/21
Primary Eye Care Wirral Ltd	Other Tariff	6,205	£282,638	
Wirral Vision (St Georges Medical centre)	Other Tariff	4,515	£246,791	
<b>Total CCG</b>		<b>17,136</b>	<b>£2,202,195</b>	

4. Please see below for the contract end dates:

- WUTH - 31/03/2022
- WCHC - 31/03/2022
- SpaMedica - 30/09/2022
- Spire Murrayfield - 30/09/2022
- Primary Eye Care Wirral Ltd - 31/03/2022
- Wirral Vision (St Georges Medical Centre) - 31/03/2022

5. Not applicable.

6. The following services have been commissioned to Opticians:

- Minor Eye Conditions Service
- Cataract Pre-Assessment
- Low Visual Aids Service
- Glaucoma Referral Refinement service

7. No.

8. All medication is National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance approved. You can find a list of all approved drugs on the Nice website. Please see the link below for further information.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/>

9. WUTH is the current contracted Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) provider.

10. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are currently awaiting the outcome of a service review, therefore, no new commissioning intentions have been considered at this time.

11. All providers have had their contracts extended apart from SpaMedica and Spire Murrayfield. The latter two contracts were awarded under the Increasing Capacity Framework.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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