

Your Request:

- 1) What is the Ophthalmology budget for 2022/23?**
- 2) What is the cataract surgery budget for 2022/23?**

Our Response:

1 - 2) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific budget set overall for either ophthalmology or cataract surgery during the 2022/23 financial year.

Your Request:

- 3) What % capacity is the ophthalmology departments across the ICB area running at compared to 19/20 capacity?**

Our Response:

3) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on either the current or 2019/20 capacity of ophthalmology departments across the ICB area.

Your Request:

- 4) What are the contract end dates and current annual contract values for all independent providers currently delivering cataract surgery in the ICB area? Please provide a total contract value if the contract values cannot be easily broken down.**

Our Response:

4) Please find listed below the current independent providers of cataract surgery along with the corresponding contract end dates and contract values in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB.

Cheshire

Cataract surgery commissioned on a cost per case/tariff basis:

- *Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. 2021/22 Spend £10,566.00.
- *Optegra UK*: End date 31/03/2023. 2021/22 Spend £137,542.00.
- *Spire Cheshire Hospital*: End date 31/03/2023. 2021/22 Spend £1,570.00.
- *Spire Murrifield Hospital*: End date 31/03/2023. 2021/22 Spend £10,732.00.
- *Spire Liverpool Hospital*: End date 31/03/2023. 2021/22 Spend £785.00.
- *Community Health & Eyecare*: End date 31/03/2023 2021/22 Spend £11,805.00.

Halton & Warrington

- *Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £2,430,251.

Knowsley

- *Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. 2021/22 Spend £879,885.00.

Liverpool

- *Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £3,600,000.
- *Ramsey*: End date 31/03/2023. Value specifically for cataract surgery is not separately identified in overall contract value.
- *Fairfield Independent Hospital*: End date 31/03/2023. Value specifically for cataract surgery is not separately identified in overall contract value..

South Sefton/Southport & Formby

- Insight Clinic*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £2,250,516.
- Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £391,959.

St Helens

- *Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £1,048,000.
- *Fairfield Independent Hospital*: End date 31/03/2023. Value specifically for cataract surgery is not separately identified in overall contract value.

Wirral

- *Spa Medica*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £3,440,533.
- *Spire Murryfield*: End date 31/03/2023. Value £1,726,141.

Your Request:

5) What is the current number of patients waiting for cataract surgery in the ICB area?

Our Response:

5) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not hold information on the current number of patients waiting for cataract surgery.

Your Request:

6) What is the threshold of VA for first and second eye to qualify for cataract surgery for patients within the ICB area?

Our Response:

6) Please find listed below the commissioning criteria threshold of visual acuity (VA) for cataract surgery in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB. Further information on the implementation of the former CCG commissioning policies by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB can be found on our website via the following link:
<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/commissioning-policies/>

Cheshire

Detailed on page 92 of the '*Cheshire Commissioning Policy*' a link to which is provided below:

<https://www.cheshireccg.nhs.uk/media/1838/commissioning-policy-final-updated-2019-20-published-29-april-2019-10.pdf>

Halton & Warrington

Detailed on page 43 of the '*Criteria Based Clinical Treatments Policy*' a link to which is provided below:

<https://www.haltonwarringtonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/warrington-policies/policies-1/278-criteria-based-clinical-treatments-policy/file>

Knowsley

Detailed on page 41 of the '*Knowsley Commissioning Group Commissioning Policy*' a link to which is provided below:

https://www.knowsleyccg.nhs.uk/assets/uploaded/documents/28676_Updated%20Commissioning%20policy%20September%202020.pdf

Liverpool

Detailed on page 42 of the '*Criteria Based Clinical Treatments Policy*' a link to which is provided below:

<https://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/3780/cbct-ebi-public-doc-2019-21-draft-policy-document-v110-2019-05-24.pdf>

South Sefton/Southport & Formby

Detailed on page 2 of the '*Policy for Implementation of a Clinical Threshold for Elective Cataract Surgery in Adults*' a link to which is provided below:

<https://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/4431/mar-2021-cataract-referral-criteria-re-a115-final.pdf>

St Helens

No visual acuity threshold held as this would be set by individual provider pathways.

Wirral

Detailed on page 82 of the '*Wirral Commissioning Policy*' a link to which is provided below:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/6279/plcp-policy-2019-2020-updated-4-6-19-pdf.pdf>

Your Request:

7) Which Commissioners/Procurement team members are responsible for the procurement of ophthalmic services within the ICB or within the hospital trusts in the ICB area? Please provide the names and contact details for these individuals.

8) Has the ICB appointed an Elective Recovery Lead?

Our Response:

7 - 8) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICBs person with overall responsibility for the planning of services and elective recovery is Anthony Middleton, Director of Performance & Planning.

You can contact NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB with any enquiries for staff via our general enquiries email address at: enquiries@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk

Your Request:

9) Does the ICB have a commissioning plan for the provision of eye services and to tackle the elective procedure backlog for 2022/23 and 2023/24?

Our Response:

9) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside does not have a plan detailing specifically the provision of eye services in terms of reducing elective procedure backlogs during 2022/23 and 2023/24. However, ophthalmic services fall under the wider NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB recovery of elective services and the reduction of long waiting times.