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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 4 November 2019, with regards to contracts for Non-Emergency Eye Surgery.

Request/Response

1. For the period 1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019, please provide the names of any independent sector providers that have provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures to the Group.

**Spire Liverpool
SpaMedica
Ramsey Health Care (Renacres)
Fairfield Hospital**

2. For each independent sector provider, please list the price charged for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019:

- Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) intraocular lens;
- Cataract with implantation of toric intraocular lens; and
- YAG capsulotomy.

National Tariff is used for all providers, and tariffs are listed below. The procedures listed above are not standard procedure codes (OPCS v4.9) included within the nationally mandated datasets. Implantation of intraocular lenses is likely to be included within HRGs BZ34A, BZ34B and BZ34C below, although other types of procedures may also be reported under these HRGs.

YAG capsulotomies are likely to be included within HRGs BZ31A, BZ31B and BZ33Z below, although other types of procedures may also be reported under these HRGs.

The CCG does not hold information specifically relating to toric/non-toric lenses or YAG capsulotomies.

HRG Code	HRG Description	2018/19 National Tariff
BZ31A	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+	£793
BZ31B	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1	£784
BZ33Z	Minor, Cataract or Lens Procedures	£233
BZ34A	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 4+	£696
BZ34B	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 2-3	£681
BZ34C	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 0-1	£672

3. For each independent sector provider, please list the price charged for pre-operative and post-operative professional consultation fees associated with the following surgical procedures for the period 1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019 (including stating the services provided):

- Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) intraocular lens;
- Cataract with implantation of toric intraocular lens; and
- YAG capsulotomy.

The national tariff for outpatient attendances is used for all providers which is £139 for a first outpatient, single professional consultant led attendance and £53 for a follow up outpatient, single professional consultant led attendance.

4. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by each additional independent sector provider for the following surgical procedures for the period 1st of April 2018 to 31st of March 2019:

- Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) intraocular lens;
- Cataract with implantation of toric intraocular lens; and
- YAG capsulotomy.

As with Question 2, the procedures listed above are not standard procedure codes (OPCS v4.9) included within the nationally mandated datasets. Implantation of intraocular lenses is likely to be included within HRGs BZ34A, BZ34B and BZ34C below, although other types of procedures may also be reported under these HRGs.

YAG capsulotomies are likely to be included within HRGs BZ31A, BZ31B and BZ33Z below, although other types of procedures may also be reported under these HRGs.

An activity split by provider, using these HRGs can be found below.

HRG Code	HRG Description	Fairfield	Renacres	Spa Medica	Spire Liverpool
BZ31A	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+			18	1
BZ31B	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1			4	4
BZ33Z	Minor, Cataract or Lens Procedures	2		129	
BZ34A	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 4+			73	7
BZ34B	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 2-3	2	1	178	82
BZ34C	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 0-1		2	90	353

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5. Please provide the renewal date for the Group's Contract for Non-Emergency Eye Surgery, and if applicable, please state any extension period which can apply.

All NHS Standard Contracts are renewed annually on 1 April. An extension can be written into the contract however at present there aren't any.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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