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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Ophthalmology.

*You asked:*

- 1. What is the Ophthalmology budget for 2022/23?*
- 2. What is the cataract surgery budget for 2022/23?*
- 3. What % capacity is the ophthalmology departments across the Trust area running at compared to 19/20 capacity?*
- 4. What are the contract end dates and current annual contract values for all independent providers currently delivering cataract surgery in the Trust/ICB area? Please provide a total contract value if the contract values cannot be easily broken down.*
- 5. What is the current number of patients waiting for cataract surgery in the Trust/ICB area?*
- 6. What is the threshold of VA for first and second eye to qualify for cataract surgery for patients within the Trust/ICB area?*
- 7. Which Commissioners/Procurement team members are responsible for the procurement of ophthalmic services within the Trust/ICB? Please provide the names and contact details for these individuals.*
- 8. Please advise if you are aware if the ICB appointed an Elective Recovery Lead?*
- 9. Does the Trust have a commissioning plan for the provision of eye services and to tackle the elective procedure backlog for 2022/23?*

Trust response:

1. £6,300,832
2. We are unable to provide this figure as this is not separated out from the total budget.

3. Our daycase elective activity year to date (YTD) 2022 is 111% of our activity in 2019. Our new outpatient activity YTD is 102% of 19/20 and our follow up activity YTD is 90%.

4. We do not sub contract from the Trust. We do outsource a small amount of cataract activity to Benenden. Further information relating to contract values are exempt under Section 43 of the Act. The contract end date is 30th November 2023.

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5. 973 at the Trust. We are unable to provide information relating to the Kent and Medway ICB.

6. It is not based on a threshold of VA. If the patient has a cataract it must be impairing the patient's ability to perform activities of daily living and this will be improved by surgery. The patient must understand the risks and benefits of surgery and want to proceed. We are unable to provide information relating to the Kent and Medway ICB.

7. The Procurement Team fall under the remit of the Chief Finance Officer. The Trust considers the names and contact details requested exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees. These members of staff are not of sufficient senior level where there is reasonable expectation that this information would be released into the public domain.

The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details.

The Trust Executive structure chart and details of the above positions is available on the Trust website [www.mtw.nhs.uk](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk)

To contact members of the board, please contact the Executive secretarial team on telephone 01622 226412.

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