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Dear Applicant

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 25 February 2025 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

**Your Request**

1. For the period 1st of April 2024 to YTD, please provide the names of all independent sector providers that have provided Cataract, YAG capsulotomy procedures, Oculoplastic, AMD & Glaucoma to the ICB.
2. Please provide the total number of procedures (per eye) completed by independent providers (listed below) (broken down by the applicable CCSD or HRG code) for the following surgical procedures between 1st of April 2024 to YTD:
  - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
  - c. YAG capsulotomy
  - d. Oculoplastic Procedures
  - e. AMD
  - f. Glaucoma
3. List of independent providers/Trusts:
  - Optegra
  - Spamedica
  - Newmedica

- Anglia Community Eye Services (ACES)
- Optical Express
- CHEC
- ICB Trust

4. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by any independent sector provider other than those listed above for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1st of April 2024 to YTD:
- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non-toric) Intraocular Lens;
  - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
  - c. YAG capsulotomy.
  - d. Oculoplastic Procedures
  - e. AMD
  - f. Glaucoma

To clarify, please use the HRG codes below:

HRG Codes	Billing Description
BZ24D	Non-Surgical Ophthalmology with Interventions
BZ24E	Non-Surgical Ophthalmology without Interventions, with CC Score 5+
BZ24F	Non-Surgical Ophthalmology without Interventions, with CC Score 2-4
BZ24G	Non-Surgical Ophthalmology without Interventions, with CC Score 0-1
BZ30A	Complex, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ30B	Complex, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ31A	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ31B	Very Major, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ32A	Intermediate, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ32B	Intermediate, Cataract or Lens Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ33Z	Minor, Cataract or Lens Procedures
BZ34A	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 4+
BZ34B	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 2-3
BZ34C	Phacoemulsification Cataract Extraction and Lens Implant, with CC Score 0-1
BZ40Z	Very Complex Oculoplastics Procedures
BZ41A	Complex Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ41B	Complex Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ42A	Very Major Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ42B	Very Major Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ43Z	Complex or Very Major, Oculoplastics Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ44A	Major Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ44B	Major Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ44C	Major Oculoplastics Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ45A	Intermediate Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ45B	Intermediate Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ45C	Intermediate Oculoplastics Procedures, between 4 and 18 years
BZ45D	Intermediate Oculoplastics Procedures, 3 years and under
BZ46A	Minor Oculoplastics Procedures, 19 years and over
BZ46B	Minor Oculoplastics Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ50Z	Very Complex, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over

BZ51A	Complex, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 1+
BZ51B	Complex, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0
BZ52Z	Very Complex or Complex, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ53A	Very Major, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 1+
BZ53B	Very Major, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0
BZ54A	Major, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 1+
BZ54B	Major, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0
BZ55Z	Very Major or Major, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ56A	Intermediate, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 1+
BZ56B	Intermediate, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0
BZ56C	Intermediate, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ57A	Minor, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 19 years and over
BZ57B	Minor, Orbit or Lacrimal Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ60A	Very Complex, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ60B	Very Complex, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ61A	Complex, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ61B	Complex, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ62A	Very Major, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 1+
BZ62B	Very Major, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 0
BZ63A	Major, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 1+
BZ63B	Major, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 0
BZ64A	Intermediate, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 1+
BZ64B	Intermediate, Cornea or Sclera Procedures, with CC Score 0
BZ65Z	Minor, Cornea or Sclera Procedures
BZ70Z	Complex Ocular Motility Procedures
BZ71A	Very Major Ocular Motility Procedures, 19 years and over
BZ71B	Very Major Ocular Motility Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ72A	Major Ocular Motility Procedures, 19 years and over
BZ72B	Major Ocular Motility Procedures, between 4 and 18 years
BZ72C	Major Ocular Motility Procedures, 3 years and under
BZ73A	Intermediate Ocular Motility Procedures, 19 years and over
BZ73B	Intermediate Ocular Motility Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ74Z	Minor Ocular Motility Procedures
BZ80A	Very Complex Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ80B	Very Complex Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ81A	Complex Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ81B	Complex Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ82Z	Very Complex or Complex, Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ83A	Very Major Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ83B	Very Major Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ84A	Major Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ84B	Major Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ85Z	Very Major or Major, Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 18 years and under
BZ86A	Intermediate Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 2+
BZ86B	Intermediate Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0-1
BZ86C	Intermediate Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 18 years and under

BZ87A	Minor Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 19 years and over
BZ87B	Minor Vitreous Retinal Procedures, between 4 and 18 years
BZ87C	Minor Vitreous Retinal Procedures, 3 years and under
BZ88A	Retinal Tomography, 19 years and over
BZ88B	Retinal Tomography, 18 years and under
BZ89A	Digital Retinal Photography, 19 years and over
BZ89B	Digital Retinal Photography, 18 years and under
BZ90Z	Very Complex, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures
BZ91A	Complex, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ91B	Complex, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ92A	Very Major, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ92B	Very Major, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ93A	Major, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 2+
BZ93B	Major, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 0-1
BZ94A	Intermediate, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 1+
BZ94B	Intermediate, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures, with CC Score 0
BZ95Z	Minor, Glaucoma or Iris Procedures

## Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information requested. This is detailed in the spreadsheet attached.

Please note, the spreadsheet has 2 tables, one for inpatient and one for outpatient. This has been extracted from SUS data, which the trusts submit monthly, so the data is from April 2024 to the latest available month which is January 2025 and details all providers with data against the HRG codes noted in the request.

In accordance with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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