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| <b>Reference:</b>       | FOI.21329.26                |
| <b>Subject:</b>         | NHS-funded cataract surgery |
| <b>Date of Request:</b> | 13 August 2026              |

**Requested:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful for the following from Hywel Dda University Health Board, covering financial years 2021/22 to 2025/26.

Self-pay private activity is out of scope. A nil answer is genuinely useful, so please confirm nil rather than leaving a section blank.

1. Total activity  
For each financial year, the total number of NHS-funded cataract procedures performed by the health board at its own facilities, counted per eye.
2. Outsourcing — procedures delivered by an independent sector provider at the provider's own premises  
For each financial year and each provider:
  - a. provider name
  - b. number of NHS-funded cataract procedures, counted per eye
  - c. total expenditure paid to that provider
3. Insourcing — procedures delivered by an external clinical team working at the board's own sites  
For each financial year and each provider:
  - a. provider name
  - b. number of cataract procedures delivered
  - c. total expenditure paid to that provider
4. Current procurement  
Whether any cataract outsourcing or insourcing contract or call-off is currently planned or in active procurement.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of NHS-funded cataract procedures performed, per eye, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.

| Financial year | Number |
|----------------|--------|
| 2021/22        | 686    |
| 2022/23        | 1,115  |
| 2023/24        | 1,692  |
| 2024/25        | 1,387  |
| 2024/25        | 1,201  |

2. The UHB provides the requested information within the tables below.

| <b>Financial year</b> | <b>a. Provider name</b>        | <b>b. Number of procedures</b> | <b>c. Spend</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2021/22               | BMI Werndale                   | 726                            | £850,948.00     |
|                       | CHECS (Community Eye Services) | 0                              | £1,580,193.00   |
|                       | SPA Medica                     | 0                              | £880,561.00     |
| 2022/23               | CHECS (Community Eye Services) | 251                            | £682,402.00     |
|                       | SPA Medica                     | 84                             | £410,469.00     |
| 2023/24               | SPA Medica                     | 0                              | £203,752.00     |
| 2024/25               | SPA Medica                     | 909                            | £1,139,214.00   |
| 2025/26               | SPA Medica                     | 2,740                          | £3,285,186.00   |

Please note: the spend provided may not reflect the number of procedures due to invoicing and payment periods.

3. The UHB does not hold the requested information as it has not used insourcing services for cataract procedures, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.
4. The UHB currently has one (1) outsourcing contract live for cataracts which is in its extension period until March 2027. A further outsourcing contract for wider Ophthalmology services is currently in the stand still stage (before award), covering cataract procedures in addition to wider Ophthalmology requirements.