

Reference:	FOI.11157.23
Subject:	Ophthalmology
Date of Request:	28 February 2023

Requested:

1. Please provide the name of all commissioned providers for Cataract surgery within your Health Board.
2. Please provide the name of all providers offering Cataract surgery within your Health Board who are delivering through non-contracted activity.
3. Please provide details of the referral pathway (s) (by Health Board) for patients who are being referred for Cataract surgery. Please state if referrals are made to a provider directly, via the patients GP or other route of referral. (if other, please provide details)
4. Please confirm if your Health Board have commissioned and are using any Electronic Eyecare Referral Systems. If so, please confirm then name of the provider
5. Please confirm the details of how post operative care is delivered for Cataract patients within your Health Board. If different by place, please confirm for all.
6. For the providers detailed in your response to questions 1 and 2. Please provide the total number of completed Cataract surgery for the periods 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) for your Health Board.
7. For the providers detailed in your response to question 1. Please provide the current wait times for Cataract surgery.
8. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your ICS.
9. Please provide the total number of patients waiting 52+ weeks for Cataract surgery within your Health Board and of those how many have been waiting 104+ weeks
10. By provider detailed in question 1. Please confirm when the current contract that includes Cataract surgery is due to expire and if there is an option to extend services. If there is an option to extend, please advise on how long for.
11. Please confirm then name and contact details of the individual(s) who manages these contracts within your Health Board.
12. Please confirm the Health Boards commissioning intentions on Cataract surgery for 2023/24.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it does not currently outsource cataract surgery. However, the UHB did outsource during the period April to November 2022.
2. & 3. Not applicable.

4. The UHB uses the Electronic Eyecare Referral System Consultant Connect for Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) referrals only.
5. The UHB confirms that uncomplicated post operative cataract patients are reviewed in Primary Care by Optometrists. However, for those post operative cataract patients that have complications or there are any concerns, then they are reviewed at hospital.
6. & 7. Not applicable.
8. The UHB confirms that there are one thousand nine hundred and ninety six (1,996) patients waiting for cataract surgery, as at the time of your request.
9. The UHB provides, within the table below, the current number of patients waiting over 52 weeks and those waiting over 104 weeks for cataract surgery.

52+ weeks	842
104+ weeks	78

10. & 11. Not applicable.
12. The UHB confirms that it has no intention to commission services for cataract surgery for the 2023/24 financial year.