

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-040

Request:

1. When is the current contract for IOLs (Intraocular lenses) in Ophthalmology up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.
2. When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.
3. When is your VR machinery (for vitreoretinal) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.
4. What is your current Route to Market for IOLs, Phaco and VR?
5. When does your procurement department plan to actively start in pretender engagement for IOLs, Phaco and VR? Please include the date.
6. Who is your current IOL provider and what brand of IOL you currently use?
7. Who is your current Phaco machine provider?
8. Who is your current VR machine provider?
9. How many Phaco machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?
10. How many VR machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?
11. How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between: 2019-2020 2021-2022 Calendar Year
12. Do you have any subcontracting arrangements for Cataract Surgery with the independent sector within this financial year, if so please provide details including volumes?
13. Who is the procurement lead or lead Trust for Ophthalmology on behalf of your ICS, and what plans do you have for Ophthalmology?

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Current supplier for the IOL machine is Carl Zeus Limited. The contract ends 29/04/2024.
2. The current contract has expired and we are currently looking for a new supplier via NHS Supply Chain.
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4. NHS Supply Chain Framework
5. The Procurement department is currently going through an Ophthalmology tender process via NHS Supply Chain Framework. Until NHS Supply Chain has finished benchmarking we are unable to provide a date.
6. Carl Zeus Limited
7. Bausch and Lomb
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9. We have 1x BL1433 (age approximately 11yrs) and 2x BL15455 (ages approximately 7 and 5yrs).
10. We have 1x VR machine at William Harvey Hospital, the age of the machine is 7 years

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2019/2020	15
2020/2021	25
2021/2022	34

12. Information not held.

13. The Procurement Category Manager (Medical and Surgical) is the procurement lead for Medical and Surgical.

We are currently in process/discussions with NHS Supply Chain working on a framework for the Ophthalmology equipment and supplies. The plan is not to contract (at the moment for the IOLs equipment or supplies as a separate), until we have explored the Market.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 05 FEBRUARY 2024)

