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Contact

Dear Mr Grant

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

Thank you for your request received on 2 August 2021 for the provision of information in relation to Pars Plana Vitrectomies.

We are treating your request under our procedures for responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information that we are able to provide in response to your request is given below.

Please tell me about your Vitrectomy surgery in years ,2019 & 2020:

1. How many pars plana vitrectomy surgical procedures were carried out in the years 2018 2019 and 2020

Our response is provided in table 1.

Year of Procedure	No. of Procedures
2018	1093
2019	1054
2020	832

Table 1 : No. of pars plana procedures carried out within NHSGGC, by year
Source : SMR01

2. When is the current Vitreo Retinal ophthalmology contract due to expire?

The expiry date for the contract is 30/06/2022

3. Do you plan to release an OJEU tender for the renewal of this contract?

It has not yet been decided if this contract will be issued under open tender. Under Section 17 of FOISA I am required to inform you that this information is not held by NHSGGC.

For your information we can tell you that Scottish Procurement is no longer subject to the EU legal framework with public bodies no longer required to publish notices in OJEU. If this Procurement route is pursued any notice will be published on the new UK e-notification system called Find A

Tender Service and to meet this requirement we will continue to use Public Contracts Scotland (PCS).

4. Do you plan to use a national framework for the renewal of this contract? If so which one?

The use of available National Contracts will be considered.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we are unable to pass your request on to a third party. We can however recommend that you contact NHS National Procurement, which is part of NHS National Services Scotland (NSS), with a separate Freedom of Information request and they may have access to the information which may be helpful to you.

Here is a link to the NHS National Procurement site which has details about sending a Freedom of Information request to them:

<https://www.nhsscotlandprocurement.scot.nhs.uk/contacts/freedom-of-information.aspx>

5. What is the volume of the vitrectomy procedures that will be included within the contract?

This information is not recorded and so again, under Section 17 of FOISA I am required to inform you that NHSGGC does not hold the information requested.

If this information is available and this procurement route is pursued, then we would expect this information would be provided.

6. How many vitrectomy machines do you have?

We have two vitrectomy machines.

7. What is the age of your vitrectomy machines?

Our Alcon Constellation is approximately seven years old and our Bausch and Lomb Stellaris is 18 months old.

8. How many phaco handpieces do you have?

We have over fifty phaco handpieces

9. What are your top 3 requirements for the new contract and future awarded supplier to meet?

This information is not recorded by us. Under Section 17 of FOISA I am required to inform you that NHSGGC does not hold this information.

10. Do you plan to trial potential new suppliers this year? If so which month do you expect to want to trial?

Again, under Section 17 of FOISA I am required to inform you that NHSGGC does not hold this information.

11. Who is the procurement manager responsible for this?

Chris Sanderson, Head of Procurement, email Chris.Sanderson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

12. Who will sign the new contract and what is their job title?

Chris Sanderson, Head of Procurement, email Chris.Sanderson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

13. What is the total spend on your VR procedure packs?

This information is not recorded in an accessible database and so again under Section 17 of FOISA I am required to inform you that NHSGGC does not hold the information requested.

14. Are there any other products within the scope of the current Vitrectomy contracts and if so, which products are they and who supplies them?

We have been advised there are no other products within the scope of the contracts.

15. What level of maintenance cover is provided for your Vitreo Retinal equipment? What is the annual cost of maintenance for your Vitreo Retinal machines?

We have a Platinum contract for the Constellation machine and a service contract for Stellaris.

16. Who is the clinical lead for ophthalmology?

Dr Paul Cauchi is Clinical Director for Ophthalmology

17. Who is the current suppliers of VR equipment?

Our suppliers are Alcon, and Bausch and Lomb

18. Will you plan to use capital or revenue budget to fund the next contract for phaco and VR equipment, ie capital purchase or consumables based agreement?

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19. What type of viewing system do you use with your microscope eg Eibos, Biom or 3D system etc?

We use a Resite System.

I hope that this is helpful. If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to request a review of this decision within 40 working days of receiving this response. The attached note describes our review procedure. Your request for review must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If you wish us to carry out a review, please complete the form enclosed and return it to the Head of Corporate Governance and Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, Corporate HQ, JB Russell House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0XH or by email to foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If following a review you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to ask for advice, assistance or to make a formal appeal in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving the outcome of a review. The Commissioner can be contacted at: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

If following appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law against the decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Should you require any clarification about this letter or the right to request a review please contact me at the details at the top of the first page of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Kay Dougans

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Standard Enclosures:
FOI Requirement for Review document
Request for Review form