



Our ref: **FOI 24-148**

Monday, 29 January 2024

Thank you for your request to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 23 January 2024.

Your request

You requested the following:

- 1) **Does the Trust currently complete Optical Biometry for the purpose of selecting an Intraocular Lens choice for Cataract Surgery?** [YES/NO]
- 2) **Which department for the Trust is responsible for carrying out the Optical Biometry?** [e.g. Outpatients, Ophthalmology, Other]
- 3) **Is there a specified role within this department that is responsible for Optical Biometry?** [e.g. Consultant Ophthalmologist, Registrar, Orthoptist, Nurse, etc.]
- 4) **How many biometry calculations does the department complete during an average week?** [Number]
- 5) **How many pieces of equipment does the department use for Optical Biometry, and what is the manufacturer, model and age?** [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]
- 6) **Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department?** [Owned / Leased / Rented]
- 7) **If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs?** [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]
- 8) **Does the Trust / department replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years?** [YES / NO], [Years]
- 9) **Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider?** [MANUFACTURER / 3rd PARTY / NO]
- 10) **Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for new biometry equipment?** [YES / NO]
- 11) **If Yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place?** [Expected Date]
- 12) **If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years?** [YES / NO]
- 13) **Does the Trust link the Biometry measurements to an electronic patient record (PACS or EHR system), or are these stored on the equipment locally and printed?** [EHR SYSTEM / PAPER RECORDS / OTHER]
- 14) **If EHR, which electronic patient record system does the Trust use?** [e.g. MediSoft, HIVE, FORUM, etc.]
- 15) **Can these electronic biometry measurements be accessed in the department only, or in the Operating Theatre during surgery?** [Department Only / Operating Theatre / N/A]

Our Response

I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does hold information in relation to your request below:

- 1) Yes
- 2) Other, the pre assessment department
- 3) Nurse, Pre-Operative Assessment Clinic (PAC) Nurse practitioner (NP)
- 4) 120 across the Royal Gwent Hospital (RGH) and Nevill Hall Hospital (NHH)
- 5) 3 x IOL Master 500's, 2 on the RGH site and 1 on NHH site
Zeiss- Model 500. Purchased in 2015 & 2016
- 6) Owned
- 7) N/A
- 8) Currently awaiting delivery IOLM700 from Zeiss x 1
- 9) No, service visits arranged annually as off contract
- 10) Yes, currently awaiting delivery IOLM700 from Zeiss x 1
- 11) Unknown re acquisition method/funding process
- 12) N/A
- 13) Paper Records, also scanned on CWS
- 14) IOLM700 will have ability to link to FORUM
- 15) When on paper and CWS can be accessed in theatre as well as OPD