

## Freedom of Information request 644-22

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### Request

I would like the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form:

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 a 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?

### Response

1. The current framework for IOLs (Intraocular lenses) in Ophthalmology ended on 21 March 2022 and has been extended to 21 March 2023.
2. The current contract for the NHS Borders Phaco machinery (for Cataracts) is due for renewal in November 2025. There are no extension options.
3. This service is not provided by NHS Borders.
4. The route to market for IOLs, Phaco and VR is managed by National Procurement.
5. This is managed by National Procurement and not by the NHS Borders Procurement Department.
6. The current providers and brands of IOL used by NHS Borders are:

Vision Matrix – Artis monofocal and mediontir

Johnston Johnston - Sensar Acrylic IOL

AJL Ophthalmic – PJJ PMMA

7. The current Phaco machine provider is Bausch & Lomb UK Ltd.
8. N/A – service not provided by NHS Borders.
9. NHS Borders has one Phaco machine which is two years old.
10. N/A – service not provided by NHS Borders.
11. NHS Borders has undertaken the following number YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts:

2019 – 2020	373
2021 – 2022	181
12. NHS Borders has had no independent sector activity for Cataract Surgery during 2022/23 to date.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **644-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.