

You asked:

1. Name of hospital in the HB geographical boundary?

Prince Charles Hospital, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Princess of Wales Hospital.

2. Does the HB have / commission a Referral Management (Assessment) Centre that includes Cataract Surgery referrals?

No the Health Board does not have a Referral Management Centre as such. All referrals are sent to the relevant Medical Record teams from Primary Care and triaged by a consultant body. This includes all cataract referrals.

3. If yes, please name the provider that manages it. If inhouse, please state inhouse?

N/A

4. For Cataract Surgery – which providers are commissioned to provide this surgery via NHS Standard Contract?

St Joseph's Hospital and Nuffield Health Hospital.

5. Is this as a block / AQP / NCA arrangement? Please state for each provider, including date (if applicable) the contract expires?

No. St Joseph's Hospital - 09/1/21 Nuffield Health Hospital - 31/10/22.

6. Is there an extension clause in the relevant contracts? If so please state length of extension and name of provider it relates to?

Nuffield Health Hospital has the option to extend for a further 3 years.

7. For Cataract Surgery – which providers have provided Cataract Surgery on a Non-Contract Activity Basis since 01/01/20?

None.

8. Does the HB operate a Prior Approval Policy for cataract surgery? If yes please attach the policy in your response?

There is a National Cataract pathway that is currently under construction, but not yet finalised for use. Criteria based on the patient's vision is how the referral for cataract surgery is accepted.

9. What was the average waiting time and waiting numbers of patients, in June 2020 and June 2019 for patients waiting for non-complex cataract surgery at the local NHS Trust? If unable to provide at that level please state and provide information at Ophthalmology Specialty?

Please see information provided in the table below, noting that the increase in waiting times for June 2020 is due to the cancellation of elective surgery in the Covid pandemic.

Cataract Waiting Times @ 30th June 2019 & 2020		
Cataract Waiting List	2019	2020
Number on Waiting List	456	621
Average Wait in Weeks	14.0	31.5