

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/490

**Subject:** Outsourcing of Ophthalmology Services

*I can confirm that the ICB **does not hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. A copy of any assessment undertaken by the ICB – contained in the form of internal reports or presentations – of the impact on waiting times for patients seeking ophthalmology services as result of the use of the independent sector to deliver cataract surgery.	The ICB does not hold the requested information. Referrals into secondary care non-NHS providers are through the GP not local optometrists.
2. A copy of any audit or assessment undertaken by the ICB– contained in the form of internal reports or presentations - of the electronic/digital/online system for the referral of patients from optometry practices to NHS Trusts or independent sector providers.	
3. A copy of any letters or correspondence between the ICB and representatives of local optometry businesses – for example Local Optical Committees – regarding the referral of NHS funded patients to independent sector providers and NHS Trusts.	

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 18 April 2024 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***