

Governing Body Meeting			
Date:	Friday 28 May 2021	Time:	2:30 pm
Venue:	MS Teams		
Questions from the general public received in advance			

Email received 06/04/2021;

**“What provisions have been made to outsource and liaise with private providers to help reduce cataract waiting lists following the introduction of the Increase capability framework which is being funded by NHS England?”**

Response sent 14/04/2021;

A contract has been placed by Liverpool CCG with an Independent Sector provider, SpaMedica, utilising the Increasing Capacity Framework (ICF) to treat long waiting cataract patients at Liverpool University Hospitals FT (LUHFT).

NHS Providers are also able to use the ICF to sub-contract and this option could be explored by local providers.

Liverpool CCG is party to other independent sector contracts being placed by other local CCGs, which include cataract surgery. One local private provider of Ophthalmology, Spire Liverpool, has under the ICF ceased provision of ophthalmological procedures.

Under the terms of the ICF, initial contracts were for a maximum of 6 months. During the next few months Liverpool CCG, along with the other local CCGs, will be reviewing what services and volumes are required before undertaking any further actions using the ICF.