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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request - Ophthalmology**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### **You Asked for:**

1. What was the annual budget for patients commissioned for care in Ophthalmology and eye departments by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in each of the last 5 financial years?
2. How many patients commissioned for care by the CCG were treated by Ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics in each of the last 5 financial years?
3. How many patients who were commissioned for care by the CCG and treated Ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from refractive surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?
4. How many patients who commissioned for care by the CCG and treated by Ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?
5. Of all the patients who were commissioned for care by the CCG and treated by Ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics, what percentage were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?
6. How many of the patients commissioned for care by the CCG had cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?
7. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to being listed for cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?
8. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to undergoing first eye cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?
9. How many patients are currently waiting to have cataract surgery?
10. What number and percentage of patients that have a cataract procedure on their first eye go on to have a cataract procedure on their second eye within six months of the first in each of the last five financial years?
11. What number and percentage of patients that have a cataract procedure on their first eye go on to have a cataract procedure on their second eye within twelve months of the first in each of the last five financial years?
12. What percentage of patients have a cataract procedure performed on each of their two eyes (bilateral procedure) on the same day during each of the last five financial years?

## Our Response:

1. Please see the table below:

15/16	11,346,775
16/17	11,425,718
17/18	11,254,014
18/19	11,666,734
19/20	13,009,683

2. Please see the table below:

Financial Year	Activity
2015/16	73,066
2016/17	71,531
2017/18	76,593
2018/19	75,828
2019/20	68,935

3. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are unable to answer this question as the information is not recorded in a reportable format. Outpatient activity does not require diagnosis information as a mandatory field so we cannot reliably identify why outpatient attendances were being carried out, certainly not identify activity required by complications to prior surgery.
4. Please see the answer to question 3.
5. Please see the answer to question 3.
6. Please see the table below:

Financial Year	Activity
2015/16	3,430
2016/17	2,744
2017/18	3,134
2018/19	3,217
2019/20	3,613

7. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are unable to answer this question as the information is not recorded in a reportable format. Waiting times statistics are based on specialty of referral, not procedure carried out so we cannot readily link waiting times activity against the eventual activity carried out.
8. Please see the answer to question 7.
9. Please see the answer to question 7.
10. Please see the table below:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
No. of unique patients with at least one spell including a cataract procedure	2,347	2,014	2,231	2,422	2,686
Patients with second cataract procedure within 6 months	1,047	840	999	870	1,126
% of patients with second cataract operation within 6 months	44.6%	41.7%	44.8%	35.9%	41.9%

Patients with second cataract procedure within 12 months	1,083	958	1,166	985	1,257
% of patients with second cataract operation within 12 months	46.1%	47.6%	52.3%	40.7%	46.8%

11. Please see the table provided in question 10.

12. In total, 4 patients were reported as having a bilateral operation, all occurring in 2017/2018. This is only 0.13% of all the cataract operations in that year.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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