

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 15 July 2020.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. **What was the annual budget for the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments in each of the last 5 financial years?**

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
2,248,781	2,341,918	2,494,652	2,540,767	2,548,844

2. **How many patients were treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics in each of the last 5 financial years?**

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
13045	14691	15652	15932	14599

3. **How many patients treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from refractive surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**

4. This information is not available in a recorded format and would entail going through patient records therefore we use Section 40 – personal data

5. **How many patients treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?**

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- 6. Of all the patients treated by the Trust’s 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?**

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- 7. How many of the Trust’s patients had cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
753	896	948	853	678

- 8. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to being listed for cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**

In order to provide the retrospective average waiting times for cataract surgery, we will need to consider each patient pathway. Each pathway is unique and characterized by various events which could impact the length of time they have waited from when they are referred, therefore providing the RTT average waiting time would be misleading.

Waiting list data has the intended procedure the patient is due to have and this may not always be the actual final procedure a patient has when they undergo treatment. Therefore, aligning treatment with waiting list data retrospectively is extremely difficult, particularly where a patient may be waiting for multiple and different treatments.

- 9. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to undergoing first eye cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**

Provided are the number of patients with a planned procedure recorded as “Extraction of Cateract”. (Please note that the numbers provided are a snapshot as recorded on 29/07/2020. It should also be noted that the waiting list data used for this question is based upon the intended procedure at the time the patient was listed for surgery and this may not always be the actual final procedure a patient has when they undergo treatment). 108

10. How many patients are currently waiting to have cataract surgery?

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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 six months of the first in each of the last five financial years?

FY	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
% of patients	33.73%	27.01%	36.60%	32.00%	37.32%
No. of Patients	254	242	347	273	253

12. 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?

FY	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
% of patients	37.18%	29.35%	40.30%	36.23%	39.9%
No. of patients	280	263	382	309	271

13. 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?

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
0.13%	2.90%	0.21%	0.35%	0.15%

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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