



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

FOI 5306

Cataracts



### 1. Waiting time to see a Consultant for non-urgent problems (last 3 complete years)

Financial Year	Average of Days Waited	Average of Weeks Waited
2014/2015	54.9	7.8
2015/2016	55.6	7.9
2016/2017	67.9	9.7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>

### 2. Waiting time for removal of cataracts

Financial Year	Average of Days Waited	Average of Weeks Waited
2014/2015	61.7	8.8
2015/2016	72.6	10.5
2016/2017	106.8	15.3



<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>
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**3. How many cataract removals are carried out per 1000 of the population?**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Procedures</b>
2014/2015	6.3
2015/2016	5.8
2016/2017	5.7

**4. How many people are currently on the waiting list to see a Consultant for non urgent eye problems?**

<b>Waiting list as at</b>	<b>Patients</b>
23/11/2017	16433

**5. What criteria do you use to decide whether cataracts should be removed and have you adopted the latest NICE cataract guidelines?**

We are not commissioned to carry out cataract surgery on patients with visual acuities better than 6/12 but NICE guidance stipulates that access to cataract surgery should not be restricted on the basis of visual acuity (section 1.2.2). We are therefore restricted by our commissioners.

**6. What percentage of cataracts (when present in both eyes) are removed at the same time? -**

We are unable to answer this question as our data do not capture this.



**7. Do you have any age related qualification for cataract operations?**

Must be over 16 years old

**8. Cataract removals broken down by age-band basis**

Financial Year	0-16	17-35	36-50	51-65	66-79	80+	
2014/2015		*	12	82	447	1762	1314
2015/2016		0	*	55	398	1612	1283
2016/2017		0	8	53	410	1659	1221

\* data withheld as under 5.