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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Cataract surgery.

You asked:

- 1. Number of patients waiting for a cataract surgery, by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19*
- 2. Number of patients waiting over 10 weeks for a cataract surgery, by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19*
- 3. Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks for a cataract surgery, by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19*
- 4. Referral-to-Treatment time for cataract surgery (C71 to C77), by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19*
- 5. Average time waited before a first appointment with an ophthalmologist as a new patient, by month or by year for FY17, FY18 and FY19*
- 6. Number of new patients waiting for over 10 weeks for a first appointment with an ophthalmologist as a new patient, by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19*
- 7. Number of new patients waiting for over 18 weeks for a first appointment with an ophthalmologist as a new patient, by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19*

Trust response:

1. This information is not held in a reportable format. Our waiting lists are held by surgeon and not by procedure.

2.

2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
4084	5248	5502

3.

2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
3872	4033	4204

4.

2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
21 Weeks Av	21 Weeks Av	19 Weeks Av

5.

2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
9 Weeks Av	12 Weeks Av	13 Weeks Av

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The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

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