

Freedom of Information request 269-20

Request

1. What was the annual budget for the Board's ophthalmology and eye departments in each of the last 5 financial years?
2. How many patients were treated by the Board's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics in each of the last 5 financial years?
3. How many patients treated by the Board's 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 treated by the Board's 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 treated by the Board'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?
6. How many of the Board's patients 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?

Response

1. Please find below the annual budget for the Board's Ophthalmology Service for the last 5 financial years:

Year	Budget £
2015	1,439,051
2016	1,543,045
2017	1,500,002
2018	1,731,243
2019	1,782,465

2. Please find below the number of patients who were treated by the Board's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics in each of the last 5 financial years:

Year	New	Review	Total
2015'16	3677	5346	9023
2016'17	3483	5313	8796
2017'18	3667	5313	8980
2018'19	3454	3203	6657

2019'20	3199	3248	6447
Total	17480	22423	39903

3. This data is not recorded electronically therefore would require a manual trawl of all patient records to extract and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.
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6. Please find the number of patients who have had cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years:

2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	2019'20
825	833	884	870	974

7. Please find below the average waiting times from point of referral to being listed for cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years:

2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	2019'20
17	21	31	19	26

8. Please find below the average waiting times from point of referral to undergoing first eye cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years:

2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	2019'20
22	29	40	41	36

9. There are 253 patients currently waiting to have cataract surgery as of 29 July 2020.

10. Please find below the number and percentage of patients that have had a cataract procedure on their first eye and then 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:

2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	2019'20
67	116	353	322	350
9%	16%	67%	59%	56%

11. Please find below the number and percentage of patients that have had a cataract procedure on their first eye and then 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:

2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	2019'20
39	107	274	195	206
5%	15%	52%	36%	33%

12. Please find below the percentage of patients that have had 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	2019'20
0.48%	0.12%	0.11%	0.10%

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Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

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