



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-613

29 October 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

Request:

A)

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

B)

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

Response:

The Trust is only able to answer question no. 4 regarding Referral-to-Treatment time which is the standard measurement system used for measuring wait times across the NHS. The data

we hold in that system is accurate, validated, reported formally, scrutinised by commissioners and audited.

The rest of the information is not readily available as it does not reflect the way in which the NHS measures waiting times. To provide this information will require more than 18 hours to complete and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

RTT waits for Cataract patients is as follows:

Year	Average Weeks Wait
16/17	12.7
17/18	11.5
18/19	10.8

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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