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### Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding cataract surgery. Specifically you requested information as follows:

**1. Referral-to-Treatment time for cataract surgery (C71 to C77), by month or by year for FY17, FY18, and FY19?**

Answer:

Year/ Month	Average Weeks Wait
2017-01	18.09
2017-02	17.89
2017-03	16.78
2017-04	16.53
2017-05	17.79
2017-06	18.56
2017-07	17.94
2017-08	18.08
2017-09	17.98
2017-10	18.39
2017-11	17.43
2017-12	16.21
2018-01	17.29
2018-02	19.36
2018-03	19.34
2018-04	19.45

2018-05	18.82
2018-06	19.71
2018-07	22.37
2018-08	24.07
2018-09	25.77
2018-10	24.12
2018-11	24.18
2018-12	24.78
2019-01	25.07
2019-02	24.63
2019-03	23.68
2019-04	23.44
2019-05	23.21
2019-06	21.54
2019-07	23.17
2019-08	23.24

**2. Average time waited before a first appointment with an ophthalmologist as a new patient, by month or by year for FY17, FY18 and FY19?**

Answer:

Year/Month	Average Days Wait
2017-01	33.6
2017-02	27.4
2017-03	25.2
2017-04	22.7
2017-05	27.3
2017-06	26.6
2017-07	29.1
2017-08	27.3
2017-09	24.5
2017-10	25.8
2017-11	24.1
2017-12	31.3
2018-01	31.3
2018-02	33.5
2018-03	28.3
2018-04	29.6
2018-05	35.2
2018-06	31.3
2018-07	31.9
2018-08	43.2
2018-09	44.4
2018-10	32.9
2018-11	36.6

2018-12	29.6
2019-01	34.6
2019-02	28.4
2019-03	30.5
2019-04	35.6
2019-05	34.3
2019-06	33.3
2019-07	34.3
2019-08	31.8

**3. 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?**

Year/Month	10 to 18
2017-01	154
2017-02	98
2017-03	75
2017-04	89
2017-05	124
2017-06	87
2017-07	117
2017-08	162
2017-09	244
2017-10	233
2017-11	243
2017-12	233
2018-01	189
2018-02	165
2018-03	125
2018-04	177
2018-05	253
2018-06	251
2018-07	336
2018-08	351
2018-09	267
2018-10	298
2018-11	176
2018-12	203
2019-01	140
2019-02	183
2019-03	162
2019-04	173
2019-05	207
2019-06	220

2019-07	223
2019-08	244

**4. 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?**

Answer:

Year/ Month	18 Weeks+
2017-01	164
2017-02	193
2017-03	168
2017-04	180
2017-05	201
2017-06	194
2017-07	196
2017-08	213
2017-09	217
2017-10	213
2017-11	213
2017-12	254
2018-01	262
2018-02	233
2018-03	237
2018-04	232
2018-05	239
2018-06	252
2018-07	270
2018-08	253
2018-09	248
2018-10	309
2018-11	320
2018-12	289
2019-01	304
2019-02	304
2019-03	327
2019-04	250
2019-05	254
2019-06	226
2019-07	280
2019-08	300



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In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Office**