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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 operations.

- 1. In the last 3 years, how many cataract operations were performed at your NHS Trust?*
- 2. Are toric intraocular lenses available for NHS patients with astigmatism undergoing cataract surgery at your NHS Trust?*
- 3. If yes to Qu2, please list the criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to patients, and please send us copies of any policy documentation.*
- 4. If yes to Qu2, how many toric intraocular lenses were implanted at your NHS Trust in the last 12 months, for which data is available?*
- 5. How many corneal limbal relaxing incision operations were performed as part of cataract surgery at your NHS Trust in the last 12 months, for which data is available?*

1. From the data I have retrieved there were the following cataract operations carried out:

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Apr-Sep 17
Cataracts	4157	4343	4175	1736
Cornea limbal relaxing incisions	4	0	1	0

2. Kent and Medway CCGs have concluded that additional funding for this procedure is not currently a priority.

3. Not applicable

4. Not applicable.

5. There has only been 1 cornea limbal relaxing incision in the last 12 months.