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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.

*You asked:*

- 1) The number of NHS funded cataract operations which the Trust was commissioned to deliver in the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive.*
- 2) The number of NHS funded cataract operations which the Trust delivered in the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive.*
- 3) The amount of income generated from NHS funded cataract operations for each of the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive*
- 4) The total income received by the Trust's Eye Care Department/Unit/Service (i.e. that part of the hospital which has a specific budget for the delivery of both inpatient and outpatient eye care services) for each of the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive*
- 5) The total expenditure by the Eye Care Department/Unit/Service for each of the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive*
- 6) The number of consultant ophthalmologists below retirement age who have ceased to work for the Trust for each of the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive.*
- 7) The number of advertised vacancies for consultant ophthalmologists and ophthalmic nurses for each of the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22 inclusive.*

Trust response:

1. The Trust is not commissioned for specific operations and the contracts are not detailed at procedure level. We are unable to provide this information

2.

Activity Type	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Daycase	4,085	3,059	3,341	3,789	1,382	4,364
Elective	37	64	22	20	19	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>4,425</b>

3.

	Income from NHS Cataract Operations
2021/22	£320,445
2020/21	£990
2019/20	£298,973
2018/19	£208,441
2017/18	£233,760
2016/17	Data unavailable

4.

16/17 – data unavailable  
 17/18 – £1,820,262  
 18/19 – £1,894,875  
 19/20 – £1,993,646  
 20/21 – £1,114,916  
 21/22 – £1,632,5355.

5.

16/17 – 11,659,886.02  
 17/18 – 13,535,149.91  
 18/19 – 14,564,106.02  
 19/20 – 16,018,548.50  
 20/21 – 13,911,770.53  
 21/22 – 17,828,842.35

6. Figures are for the numbers of leavers based on a retirement age of 65

2016/17	0
2017/18	1
2018/19	3
2019/20	1
2020/21	1
2021/22	1

7. The Trust system only holds data for 1 year, the following answers are for 2022/23 only. There is no data available for the preceding years.

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