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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 Ophthalmology pathway longest waits.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the longest wait for treatment any patient has experienced at your trust, while on an Ophthalmology pathway, in each of the last five years.*

Trust response:

Please note: We have used the monthly RTT submitted data to answer this request and have included both adult and paediatric ophthalmology pathways. As we have not submitted the March 2024 return we have provided the longest wait in each calendar year from 2019-2023.

Please also note: The monthly RTT submission for March 2020 was made during the Covid-19 lockdown in April 2020 and the data was validated much less rigorously than usual. Consequently, there are two extremely long waits (over 1,300 days) in the submission but they are very unlikely to be accurate and under normal circumstances they would have been spotted and corrected.

As submitted in monthly RTT returns but note that March 2020 (submitted in mid-April 2020) was not fully validated due to Covid-19 lockdown

| Ophthalmology RTT Pathways (Adult and Paediatric) |                     |                      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Calendar Year                                     | Longest wait (days) | Longest wait (weeks) |
| 2019  | 691                 | 99                   |
| 2020 (Jan-March)                                  | 1700                | 243                  |
| 2020 (Apr-Dec)                                    | 926                 | 132                  |
| 2021  | 675                 | 96                   |
| 2022  | 357                 | 51                   |
| 2023  | 358                 | 51                   |