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Dear Sirs

### Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 16 July 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Information Requested

1. What was the annual budget for patients commissioned for care in ophthalmology and eye departments by the CCG in each of the last 5 financial years?

Values	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Final £	£5,424,179	£5,857,437	£5,771,850	£5,846,186	N/A

Since the beginning of the 2019/20 Financial Year, the CCG have operated a fixed Vale contract arrangement with the main acute hospital provider and therefore the value allocated specifically to Ophthalmology departments during that financial year is not available. Figures above represent total Ophthalmology PBR Tariff cost in each previous financial year.

2. How many patients commissioned for care by the CCG were treated by ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics in each of the last 5 financial years?

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
No. of Individual Pats.	25014	26423	27412	27829	27499

3. How many patients who were commissioned for care by the CCG and treated ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from refractive surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?

Diagnosis coding for outpatient clinics is not contained within commissioning datasets, so we are unable to provide this information, which is likely to be contained in Hospital Medical Notes.

4. How many patients who commissioned for care by the CCG and treated by ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?

Diagnosis coding for outpatient clinics is not contained within commissioning datasets, so we are unable to provide this information, which is likely to be contained in Hospital Medical Notes.

5. Of all the patients who were commissioned for care by the CCG and treated by ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics, what percentage were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?

Diagnosis coding for outpatient clinics is not contained within commissioning datasets, so we are unable to provide this information, which is likely to be contained in Hospital Medical Notes.

6. How many of the patients commissioned for care by the CCG had cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
No. of Individual Pats.	2329	2465	2427	2854	2440
<b>Codes included</b>					
<i>C751+C712 - Insertion of prosthetic replacement for lens NEC</i>					
<i>C712 - Phacoemulsification of lens</i>					
<i>C754 - Insertion of prosthetic replacement for lens using suture fixation</i>					

7. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to being listed for cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?

Procedure coding for waiting list information is not contained in national data or commissioning datasets. We are unable to provide this level of information, which would most likely be collected at individual Acute Hospital Providers.

8. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to undergoing first eye cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?

Procedure coding for waiting list information is not contained in national data or commissioning datasets. We are unable to provide this level of information, which would most likely be collected at individual Acute Hospital Providers.

9. How many patients are currently waiting to have cataract surgery?  
 Procedure coding for waiting list information is not contained in national data or commissioning datasets. We are unable to provide this level of information, which would most likely be collected at individual Acute Hospital Providers.
10. What number and percentage of patients that have a cataract procedure on their first eye go on to have a cataract procedure on their second eye within six months of the first in each of the last five financial years? - See Answer to Q.11
11. What number and percentage of patients that have a cataract procedure on their first eye go on to have a cataract procedure on their second eye within twelve months of the first in each of the last five financial years?  
 Using Commissioning datasets it is difficult to work out a rolling 12month/6 month figures (>16 hours). Below are the distinct figures for each financial year.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
2 or more operations	497	520	464	542	407
%	21%	21%	19%	19%	17%

The above figures show the number of individual patients with more than one procedure within each financial year, which is the best approximation we are able to provide

12. What percentage of patients have a cataract procedure performed on each of their two eyes (bilateral procedure) on the same day during each of the last five financial years?  
 Coding in Commissioning datasets is ambiguous and a bilateral procedure is not consistently coded across providers. There is a risk of double counting patients who only have a procedure on one eye as well as those who have procedures on both eyes. We are not reliably able to produce this figure, which is most likely held by Acute Hospital providers.

## Response

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds the information you have requested as per the above.

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Yours sincerely

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