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Dear Sirs

### Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 18 August 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Information Requested

Please provide a copy of, or link to, your clinical threshold policy for cataract surgery and state whether this has changed in the past 4 years. If it has changed, please provide a copy of, or link to, the former policy and date of change.

For each of the four financial years;

2016-17 b) 2017-18 c) 2018-19 d) 2019-20, please provide for each year:

1. The CCG registered population
  2. The number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) and/or prior approval (PA) requests that the CCG received for cataract surgery
  3. The number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) and/or prior approval (PA) requests that the CCG approved for cataract surgery
  4. The CCG's total activity for cataract surgery (i.e. the total number of procedures carried out)
  5. The average waiting time in days for cataract surgery from first referral
- And for each month, beginning January 2019, to present:
6. The CCG's total activity for cataract surgery (i.e. the total number of procedures carried out)
  7. The average waiting time in calendar days for cataract surgery for the procedures completed in that month

### Response

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds part of the information you have requested as per the attached and information below.

The CCG does not have a policy for Cataract Procedure.

The CCG population can be found at the following link <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/about-us/about-the-ccg/#:~:text=We%20serve%20a%20population%20of,in%20the%20Vale%20of%20York>.

Due to the limitations of our commissioning datasets, we are unable to measure the waiting time from the initial referral from a GP to Hospital Outpatient services, to the date of the surgery. However, we are able to measure the time between the 'Decision to admit' date and the date of the actual surgery. Using this measurement does not capture where patients have chosen to delay their date of surgery.

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If you have any concerns about the way your request has been handled; the operation of the Publication Schemes, the response received, or the 'exemption' decision, you should, in the first instance, contact me to try to resolve them. If you are not happy with the outcome, you can write to our Accountable Officer at the address above, within 40 days from the date of our response, to make a request for an internal review.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then write to the Information Commissioner:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline telephone: 01625 545 745

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website [www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk](http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**

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