

Dear Freedom of Information Team,

I am emailing to request the information from James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts, as set out in the questions below.

### Waiting Times and Surgery Volume

1(a) In the 24 months to January 2018 (or to the most recent month available), what was the average waiting time in days (referral to treatment time) and maximum waiting times for patients awaiting cataract surgery through NHS Trust?

Period	Average waiting time	Maximum waiting time
12 months to January 2018	83	330
December 2017	84	315
November 2017	98	364
October 2017	98	350
September 2017	91	364
August 2017	91	364
July 2017	91	329
June 2017	91	322
May 2017	84	301
April 2017	70	343
March 2017	70	308
February 2017	63	280
January 2017	63	322

Period	Average waiting time	Maximum waiting time
12 months to January 2017	44	232
December 2016	56	287
November 2016	56	359
October 2016	49	350
September 2016	56	238
August 2016	42	203
July 2016	42	217
June 2016	35	189
May 2016	35	168
April 2016	35	224
March 2016	42	245
February 2016	42	217
January 2016	42	189

1(b)(i) How many patients underwent cataract removal surgery in the last 12 month for which data is available?

1,404

1(b)(ii) How many patients underwent cataract removal surgery in the 12 month period from January 2016 – January 2017 for which data is available?

1,293

1(c)(i) How many individual cataract removal procedures were performed during the last 12 months for which data is available?

1,867

1(c)(ii) How many individual cataract removal procedures were performed in the 12 month period from January 2016 – January 2017 for which data is available?

1,521

### Referral Criteria

2(a) In the last 2 years, how many patients underwent cataract removal surgery?

Year	Number of patients
2016	1,293
2017	1,460

2(b) In each of the last 2 years, how many individual cataract removal procedures were performed?

Year	Number of patients
2016	1,521
2017	1,887

2(c) Does the Trust operate criteria for determining the priority/eligibility of patients for cataract surgery? Please tick the box below

Yes	No
X	

2(d) If yes to question 2(c), please tick all the boxes below that best describes the criteria you operate.

The discretion of commissioners	
A joint decision between CCG and NHS Trust	
Surgery is indicated for control of other co-morbidities	X
Procedure of limited clinical value policy	
Visual acuity	X
In line with NICE guidelines	X
Other	

2(e) Under what circumstances are NHS cataract patients ineligible for 'second eye surgery' – i.e. cataract removal from both eyes? Please tick all that apply.

<b>No circumstances/unrestricted</b>	
<b>Determined by commissioners</b>	X
<b>Joint decision between CCG and NHS Trust</b>	
<b>Criteria the same as for first eye surgery</b>	
<b>Procedure of limited clinical value policy</b>	
<b>Visual acuity</b>	X
<b>Quality of life factors</b>	
<b>Anisometropia</b>	
<b>Other</b>	