

Freedom of Information Request – 3969

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding ophthalmology services provided by your Trust.

Please could you provide the following information:

1. Current waiting list data

- a. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for ophthalmology outpatient appointments.
- b. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.
- c. The total number of patients currently waiting for an initial ophthalmology appointment following a potential glaucoma referral (for example, referrals where glaucoma is suspected by a GP, optometrist, or other clinician).

Question Number	Question	Mar-23	Mar-24	Current
1a	The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for ophthalmology outpatient appointments	2358	2071	2464
1b	The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for ophthalmology surgery or procedures	666	653	870
1c	The total number of patients currently waiting for an initial ophthalmology appointment following a potential glaucoma referral (for example, referrals where glaucoma is suspected by a GP, optometrist, or other clinician)	817	664	549

2. Waiting time information

- a. The average waiting time (in weeks) for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment from the date of referral.
- b. The longest current waiting time for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment.
- c. The average waiting time (in weeks) for ophthalmology surgery or procedures from the date of being listed.
- d. The longest current waiting time for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.

Question Number	Question	Mar-23	Mar-24	Current
2a	The average waiting time (in weeks) for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment from the date of referral	20	13	17
2b	The longest current waiting time for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment	84	68	67
2c	The average waiting time (in weeks) for ophthalmology surgery or procedures from the date of being listed	15	12	18
2d	The longest current waiting time for ophthalmology surgery or procedures	76	67	73

3. Timeframe and trend (if available)

Please provide the same information as above for the following points in time (or nearest available data):

March 2023

March 2024

Most recent available month