

FOI REQUEST NUMBER: 0137

Toric Lenses

1a) Are toric intraocular lenses available for NHS patients with astigmatism undergoing NHS-provided cataract surgery at UHB (HGS) **No**

1b) If yes to 1a, please tick all the conditions and criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to NHS patients in the table below.

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| All patients with astigmatism | |
| >1 dioptries | |
| >2 dioptries | |
| >3 dioptries | |
| The discretion of the surgeon | |
| Other | |

1c) If yes to 1a, how many patients have been fitted with toric intraocular lenses in the last 12 months, for which data is available? Please include information on:

- All patients treated at UHB NHS trust (HGS)
- NHS patients treated 'on the NHS' at UHB NHS trust (HGS)

1d) If yes to 1a, how many patients have been fitted with toric intraocular lenses in the 12 month period January 2016-January 2017 for which data is available?

Please include information on:

- All patients treated at UHB NHS trust (HGS)
- NHS patients treated 'on the NHS' at UHB NHS trust (HGS)

Self –Funding

2a) Does your Trust offer patients the option of paying for cataract surgery procedures (often referred to as 'self-funding' or 'self-pay'), by which we mean cases NOT paid for by insurance companies but rather directly by individuals themselves)?

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| Yes | No |
| Yes | |

2b)

- i) If yes to 2a, how many procedures were carried out and how many patients were treated in the last 12 months (for which data is available)?

| | Number of procedures performed in last 12 months | Number of patients treated in the last 12 months |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Self-funded cataract surgery | None we have not done any for 14 yrs | |

- ii) If yes to 2a, how many procedures were carried out and how many patients were treated in the period January 2016- January 2017

| | Number of procedures performed (January 2016 – January 2017) | Number of patients treated (January 2016 – January 2017) |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Self-funded cataract surgery | 0 | 0 |

3a) If yes to 2a, what is the cost charged to patients for self-funded cataract surgery?
Ranges dependant on risk stratification but could be between the ranges of; £804- £4282.

3b) If yes to 2a, please provide your price list if available.
Not available

Other

4a) How many YAG lasers associated with cataracts have you performed over the past 3 financial years (Per year)?

2015/16-1048
2016/17-1046
2017/18-1090

4b) How much is the tariff for YAG lasering? £231

4c) Is the trust under a block contract for the provision of ophthalmology products? No

4d) What is the value of that contract for the last two financial years? NA

Waiting Times and Surgery Volume

5a) 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 UHB NHS trust (HGS)?

| Period | Average waiting time (days) | Maximum waiting times (days) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 12 months to March 2018 | 125 | 260 |
| February 2018 | 115 | 218 |
| January 2018 | 120 | 295 |
| December 2017 | 118 | 254 |
| November 2017 | 125 | 218 |
| October 2017 | 128 | 263 |
| September 2017 | 126 | 227 |
| August 2017 | 120 | 203 |
| July 2017 | 123 | 217 |
| June 2017 | 119 | 246 |
| May 2017 | 120 | 292 |
| April 2017 | 119 | 247 |

| Period | Average waiting time (days) | Maximum waiting times (days) |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| March 2017 | 118 | 228 |
| February 2017 | 121 | 223 |
| January 2017 | 114 | 251 |
| December 2016 | 104 | 274 |
| November 2016 | 109 | 212 |
| October 2016 | 118 | 222 |
| September 2016 | 116 | 250 |
| August 2016 | 113 | 261 |
| July 2016 | 119 | 297 |

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| June 2016 | 109 | 225 |
| May 2016 | 125 | 268 |
| April 2016 | 130 | 310 |

We have amended the table so that we are looking at the last 24 months from March 2018

The following OPCS codes have been used to define procedures

Cataract operations C75.1 & C71.2

Referral Criteria

6a)

In the last 2 years, how many patients underwent cataract removal surgery at UHB NHS trust (HGS)?

| Year | Number of patients |
|------|--------------------|
| 2016 | 2340 |
| 2017 | 2105 |

6b)

In each of the last 2 years, how many individual cataract removal procedures were performed at UHB NHS trust (HGS)

| Year | Number of procedures |
|------|----------------------|
| 2016 | 2728 |
| 2017 | 2372 |

6c)

Does UHB NHS trust (HGS) operate criteria for determining the priority/eligibility of patients for cataract surgery? Please tick the box below

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| Yes | No |
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| yes | |
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6d)

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

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

6e)

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

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



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| Anisometropia | X |
| Other | X |