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REQUEST

I am writing to request data (under the UK Freedom of Information Act) on Ophthalmology procedures performed at hospitals that are commissioned at your trust. I have tried to find this data through HSCIC published data but it is unavailable.

Therefore, I would like to request the following:

- Catchment population of your trust by age (in brackets of 10 years) – e.g. total of 250,000 people of which 20,000 are within 10-20 years old
- Number of patients in each age bracket of 10 years (e.g. 50-60, 60-70) undergoing cataract surgery.
- Source of referrals (GP, optician, hospital, other) for cataract surgery for each financial year between 2006 and 2016
 - Has e-Referrals (i.e. choose and book) been implemented?
 - What is the nature of your referral management system (if any)?
 - How many referrals by GPs, Opticians, Hospital Doctors or Others are received by the referral management system for cataract surgery, and how many of these are declined?
- Mean and median waiting times from referral to cataract surgery for each financial year between 2006 and 2016
- Total volume of injections for macular degeneration performed per financial year - between 2006 and 2016
 - If recorded, please also provide number of unique patients receiving injections per financial year

My hope is that this data is readily available as I believe most of it is sent to HSCIC by all Trusts on a yearly basis.

RESPONSE

- Catchment population of your trust by age (in brackets of 10 years) – e.g. total of 250,000 people of which 20,000 are within 10-20 years old

Unable to answer this question as there are no restrictions on where the trust accepts referrals from.

- Number of patients in each age bracket of 10 years (e.g. 50-60, 60-70) undergoing cataract surgery.

Please note this is the number of procedures performed

Number of Procedures	Age Band									
	20-29yrs	30-39yrs	40-49yrs	50-59yrs	60-69yrs	70-79yrs	80-89yrs	90-99yrs	Grand Total	
2006/07			7	25	94	293	671	451	56	1597
2007/08			7	14	69	272	603	466	52	1483
2008/09		1	3	15	93	259	585	415	39	1410
2009/10		1	7	21	95	363	744	560	65	1856
2010/11		1	6	36	134	439	1024	749	57	2446
2011/12		4	4	29	111	340	761	491	41	1781
2012/13		4	3	34	130	305	754	465	51	1746
2013/14		2	5	24	122	428	841	495	54	1971
2014/15			3	34	150	404	815	591	54	2051
2015/16			4	20	100	337	685	462	43	1651

- Source of referrals (GP, optician, hospital, other) for cataract surgery for each financial year between 2006 and 2016 **As we do not record diagnosis in outpatient appointments and cataract patients attend general clinics, we are unable to answer this question.**
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- Mean and median waiting times from referral to cataract surgery for each financial year between 2006 and 2016
Please note we are unable to supply data for 2006/07 due to data quality issues experiences across the NHS during the implementation of RTT.

	Mean wait in days	Median wait in days
2007/08	104	95
2008/09	122	113
2009/10	114	118
2010/11	81	77
2011/12	74	71
2012/13	101	104
2013/14	104	108
2014/15	83	88
2015/16	103	110

- Total volume of injections for macular degeneration performed per financial year - between 2006 and 2016
NB The AMD service only started late October 2010.

2010/11	1590
2011/12	2676
2012/13	3947
2013/14	4823
2014/15	4895
2015/16	5426

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2010/11	399
2011/12	573
2012/13	755
2013/14	966
2014/15	1097
2015/16	1283