

Information Governance Department
Blackpool Victoria Hospital
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Dear

Thank you for your recent request for information.

Your request

1a) In the 12 months to January 2016 (or to the most recent month available), what was the average waiting time in days (referral to treatment time) for patients awaiting cataract surgery through Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

1b) In the 12 months to January 2015, what was the average waiting time in days (referral to treatment time) for patients awaiting cataract surgery through Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

2a) In the last 3 years, how many patients underwent cataract removal surgery at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

2b) In each of the last 3 years, how many individual cataract removal procedures were performed at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

2c) Does Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust operate a criteria for determining the priority/eligibility of patients for cataract surgery? If so, please specify.

2d) Under what circumstances are NHS cataract patients ineligible for 'second eye surgery' – i.e. cataract removal from both eyes?

3a) Are toric intraocular lenses available for patients with astigmatism undergoing cataract surgery at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

3b) If yes to 3a, please list the conditions and criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to patients.

3c) If yes to 3a, are toric intraocular lenses available for NHS patients with astigmatism undergoing NHS-provided cataract surgery at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust?

3d) If yes to 3c, please list the conditions and criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to NHS patients.

3e) If yes to 3a and/or 3c, how many patients have been fitted with toric intraocular lenses in the last 12 months, for which data is available?

Response

1a)

Period	Average waiting time (days)
12 months to January 2016	
December 2015	68
November 2015	81
October 2015	82
September 2015	83
August 2015	83
July 2015	74
June 2015	88
May 2015	82
April 2015	90
March 2015	75
February 2015	85
January 2015	91

1b)

Period	Average waiting time (days)
12 months to January 2015	
December 2014	78
November 2014	97
October 2014	92
September 2014	93
August 2014	89
July 2014	101
June 2014	89
May 2014	88
April 2014	88
March 2014	87
February 2014	91
January 2014	100

2a)

Year	Number of patients
2013	1742
2014	1781
2015	1823

2b)

Year	Number of procedures
2013	2320
2014	2395
2015	2458

2c: Only criterion is visual symptoms due to cataract and the patient is keen on undergoing surgery.

2d: No circumstance

3a : No

3b) Not applicable

3c) Not applicable

3d) Not applicable

3e) Not applicable

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Yours Sincerely

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