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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Cataract surgery for the last 12 months of completed data (ending January 2025)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response						Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. For each month, the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery. Please split this into: - 0-18weeks. - 18-35 weeks. - 36-51 weeks. - 52-64 weeks. - 65+ weeks. - Total waiting.	Month Ending	0-18 Weeks	19-35 Weeks	36-51 Weeks	52-64 Weeks	65+ Weeks			
	Jan-24	322	250	29	0	0			
	Feb-24	262	253	40	2	0			
	Mar-24	331	245	47	2	0			
	Apr-24	408	228	59	3	0			
	May-24	362	197	82	5	0			
	Jun-24	344	182	89	6	0			
	Jul-24	312	175	76	8	0			
	Aug-24	342	169	71	5	0			
	Sep-24	336	175	78	11	0			
	Oct-24	371	179	68	20	0			
	Nov-24	370	173	72	12	1			
	Dec-24	353	213	84	13	0			
	Jan-25	277	228	98	7	0			
	Feb-25	240	259	79	5	0			

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1a. For each month the total number of new Cataract referrals.	Month	Number of Referrals received				
	Jan-24	99				
	Feb-24	110				
	Mar-24	81				
	Apr-24	85				
	May-24	73				
	Jun-24	50				
	Jul-24	42				
	Aug-24	72				
	Sep-24	117				
	Oct-24	60				
	Nov-24	97				
	Dec-24	26				
	Jan-25	18				
	Feb-25	7				

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<p>1b For each month, the total number of cataracts completed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Trust. - An Independent Services Provider (please provide the name and location). 	Patients Discharge Date	Number of Cataract Procedures Performed				
	Jan-24	124				
	Feb-24	96				
	Mar-24	95				
	Apr-24	100				
	May-24	90				
	Jun-24	86				
	Jul-24	132				
	Aug-24	110				
	Sep-24	94				
	Oct-24	91				
	Nov-24	90				
	Dec-24	76				
	Jan-25	88				
	Feb-25	87				
1c. Number of days operational within the Trust.	The Trust operates 365 days per year, as a whole; there were 220 days with at least one list where a patient could be seen for a cataract related procedure (for the reporting period requested).					

1d. Average number of patients treated per day.

Please note, the below figures are the total number of procedures performed per month divided by the number of days lists were scheduled.

Patients Discharge Date	Average number of Cataract procedures performed per month
Jan-24	7*
Feb-24	7*
Mar-24	6*
Apr-24	7*
May-24	6*
Jun-24	6*
Jul-24	7*
Aug-24	7*
Sep-24	6*
Oct-24	5*
Nov-24	6*
Dec-24	6*
Jan-25	5*

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	Feb-25		5*							
2. For each month, the total number of patients waiting for Glaucoma treatment. Please split this into: - 0-18weeks. - 18-35 weeks. - 36-51 weeks. - 52-64 weeks. - 65+ weeks. - Total waiting.	Month ending	0-18 Weeks	19-35 Weeks	36-51 Weeks	52-64 Weeks	65+ Weeks				
	Jan-24	170	24	3	0	0				
	Feb-24	151	31	6	0	0				
	Mar-24	159	30	6	0	0				
	Apr-24	165	45	9	0	0				
	May-24	158	37	13	0	0				
	Jun-24	152	36	6	1	0				
	Jul-24	123	31	6	1	0				
	Aug-24	121	34	6	2	0				
	Sep-24	94	32	3	3	0				
	Oct-24	103	47	4	2	0				
	Nov-24	111	38	5	0	0				
	Dec-24	123	48	8	0	0				
	Jan-25	96	56	18	1	0				
	Feb-25	117	65	20	1	0				

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2a. For each month the total number of new Glaucoma referrals.	Month	Number of referrals received			
	Jan-24	37			
	Feb-24	56			
	Mar-24	54			
	Apr-24	59			
	May-24	73			
	Jun-24	64			
	Jul-24	81			
	Aug-24	56			
	Sep-24	54			
	Oct-24	34			
	Nov-24	43			
	Dec-24	30			
	Jan-25	26			
	Feb-25	15			
2b. For each month, the total number of Glaucoma treatments completed by: - The Trust. - An Independent Services Provider (please	<u>Inpatient data</u>				
	Patients discharge date	Inpatient spells where a Glaucoma procedure code has been recorded			
	Jan-24	13			
	Feb-24	6			

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provide the name and location).	Mar-24	7			
	Apr-24	12			
	May-24	13			
	Jun-24	8			
	Jul-24	15			
	Aug-24	13			
	Sep-24	23			
	Oct-24	13			
	Nov-24	18			
	Dec-24	11			
	Jan-25	11			
	Feb-25	16			
	<u>Outpatient data</u>				
	Patients appointment date	Outpatient appointments where a Glaucoma procedure code has been recorded.			
	Jan-24	4			
	Feb-24	5			
	Mar-24	2			

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2c. Number of days operational within the Trust.	<p>The Trust operates 365 days per year, as a whole; there were 106 days with at least one list where a patient could be seen for a Glaucoma related procedure and at least 41 days where a patient could be seen in an outpatient clinic.</p> <p>Please note, Glaucoma treatments can be scheduled under general Ophthalmology clinics so have a much wider range of appointment days across the time period specified.</p>																									

2d. Average number of patients treated per day	<u>Inpatient Data</u>			
	Patients discharge date	Average number of Glaucoma procedures performed per month		
	Jan-24	2		
	Feb-24	2		
	Mar-24	2		
	Apr-24	2		
	May-24	1		
	Jun-24	1		
	Jul-24	2		
	Aug-24	1		
	Sep-24	2		
	Oct-24	2		
	Nov-24	2		
	Dec-24	2		
	Jan-25	1		
	Feb-25	2		
	<u>Outpatient Data</u>			

	Patients appointment date	Average number of outpatient spells coded with a Glaucoma procedure code per month				
	Jan-24	1				
	Feb-24	1				
	Mar-24	1				
	Apr-24	2				
	May-24	2				
	Jun-24	1				
	Jul-24	1				
	Aug-24	1				
	Sep-24	1				
	Oct-24	1				
	Nov-24	2				
	Dec-24	2				
	Jan-25	1				
	Feb-25	1				
3. The name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for				Yes	ABSOLUTE EXEMPTIONS REFUSAL	Names, job titles (other than that of our board of directors)

contracting Ophthalmic services within your Trust.			NOTICE - Section 40(2) staff personal information	<p>and email addresses constitute personal data.</p> <p>Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. In our view, disclosure of this information would breach the data protection principles contained in the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasonable expectations of the employees given their positions; Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considered that none of the individuals would have a reasonable expectation that
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				<p>their personal data would be disclosed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consequences of disclosure; and • any legitimate public interest in disclosure. <p>Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test</p>
<p>4. The total number forecasted of your Ophthalmic RTT waiting list in 30th May 2025. Please split into total overall, total for Cataracts, and total for Glaucoma.</p>	<p>Total waiting List – 4204 Total Cataract – 269 Total Glaucoma – 2 Total Cataract + Glaucoma – 125</p>			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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