



**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 94**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 25/05/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

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You requested:

*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*
  - o Has e-Referrals (i.e. choose and book) been implemented?*
  - o What is the nature of your referral management system (if any)?*
  - o 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*
  - o If recorded, please also provide number of unique patients receiving injections per financial year*

**Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):**

1. 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

**This information is not held by the Trust. This information may be available from the HSCIC Information Governance Compliance Team. They can be contacted at: [enquiries@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hscic.gov.uk)**

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

Sum of Number of Spells	Column Labels										
Row Labels	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Grand Total
0-9 yrs		2	2	3	3	1	1		2		14
10-19 yrs	5	2	4	5	3	3	5	1	5		33
20-29 yrs	5	14	12	4	6	6	4	5	4	4	64
30 - 39 yrs	15	23	10	14	18	11	12	10	11	4	128
40 - 49 yrs	43	59	26	54	53	53	23	33	35	26	405
50 - 59 yrs	120	171	188	131	175	148	113	114	126	128	1414
60 - 69 yrs	338	460	513	460	511	396	348	397	381	379	4183
70 - 79 yrs	875	925	1003	1029	1007	700	531	618	571	682	7941
80 - 89 yrs	813	992	957	945	944	652	458	520	471	549	7301
90 - 99 yrs	95	125	97	102	115	85	59	64	52	59	853
100 yrs +	1	3			1						5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2310</b>	<b>2776</b>	<b>2812</b>	<b>2747</b>	<b>2836</b>	<b>2055</b>	<b>1554</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1658</b>	<b>1831</b>	<b>22341</b>

**NB Please note the numbers above are spells rather than patients as some patient have the same operation twice so would therefore only show as one patient if this was run by patient rather than two if the report is run by spells.**

3. 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?

**The Trust uses the NHS e-Referral Service.**

**I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested as the cataract referral letters are not recorded separately.**

4. Mean and median waiting times from referral to cataract surgery for each financial year between 2006 and 2016

**I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested in a centralised system prior to 2014.**

2014/15	Mean	9 weeks	Median	9 weeks
2015/16	Mean	11 weeks	Median	11 weeks
2016/17	Mean	14 weeks	Median	15 weeks

5. 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

	Total volume of injections	Number of individual patients
2006-07	8	4
2007-08	32	26
2008-09	185	86
2009-10	968	56
2010-11	1109	48
2011-12	1462	71
2012-13	1608	108
2013-14	2240	129
2014-15	2500	171
2015-16	2902	413
2016-17	490	409