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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012826 – Ophthalmology services

“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” –

The service operates within the NHS principles of patient choice and therefore we do not have a catchment area, however as a guide to our typical demographic make-up we can tell you that 83% of cataract procedures during 2015-16 were performed on patients from NHS Dudley CCG GPs

“Number of patients in each age bracket of 10 years (e.g. 50-60, 60-70) undergoing cataract surgery” – For procedures during 2015-16 :

20-29 5  
 30-39 2  
 40-49 24  
 50-59 85  
 60-69 298  
 70-79 646  
 80-89 519  
 90-99 64

“Source of referrals (GP, optician, hospital, other) for cataract surgery for each financial year between 2006 and 2016” –

Due to the volumes of data involved we do not retain all data going back to 2006 for the purposes of information retrieval. In addition, due to the complexity of patient care pathways we are not able to successfully trace the original source of the referral in all cases.

Where we are able to trace the data the figures are as follows :

Count of Procedures	Financial Year			Grand Total
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
GP Referral	120	212	307	639
Referral from A&E Department	14	13	15	42
Referral from other consultant	54	45	50	149
Self referral	14	15	6	35
Referral following A&E attendance	1	1	1	3
Other consultant-initiated referral	18	76	98	192
Referral from GP with special interest			3	3
Optometrist	301	191	223	715
Orthoptist	19	245	133	397
Initiated by other source (nurse, etc.)	226	255	285	766
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>1121</b>	<b>2941</b>

We do not expect that the general proportions of referral sources would have been significantly different for those referrals that we are unable to access.

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

Data within the RTT system does not show the intended surgery from the referral. We do not hold data in a format that allows interrogation of data based upon surgery/procedure the patient is waiting for. Find information for all Trusts Consultant -led referral to treatment waiting times, under the following link, by scrolling down to the relevant :

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2013-14/>, (amend to year required)

Select the Admitted Adjusted Provider link under each year information is required for