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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012060

With reference to your FOI request in connection with 'Ophthalmology' please see response below

1) In the last three years, how many patients underwent cataract surgery at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

One patient may attend more than once in the period and have more than one procedure each time they attend.
As per the question this data shows the number of individual patients and not the number of procedures/attendances.
Each patient counted once only within the period.

Year	Number of Cataract Patients
2012	1382
2013	1368
2014	1442


2) In the 12 months to December 2014 (or to the most recent month available), what was the average waiting time (in terms of referral to treatment time) for patients awaiting cataract surgery through The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Data held 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 the type of surgery/procedure the patient is waiting for. The Trust is required to provide RTT data by Treatment Function Code and not the Procedure Code.

For clarification please see the following link on the NHS England website: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/>
By clicking on the link above and then selecting: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2014-15/>

And then select the following option:

Waiting Times by Hospital Trust (Nov 2014)

 [Download Waiting Times by Hospital Trust \(XLS, 8144K\)](#)

Once opened enter the details below, where you will be provided with the RTT waits for Ophthalmology for the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust for November 2014:

Select an acute hospital trust:

Select a treatment area:

3a) Are Toric Lenses available for patients with astigmatism undergoing cataract surgery at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Yes

No

3b) If yes to 3a, please list the conditions under which they are available to patients.

Not applicable

3c) If yes to 3a, how many patients have been fitted with Toric lenses in the last 12 months for which data is available? Not applicable

Number of patients fitted with Toric lenses
Not applicable

4a) Does The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust offer patients the option of paying for ophthalmic procedures or treatments privately?

Yes

No

4b) If yes to 4a, which procedures are available privately? (please list)

Cataract surgery, lasers (Argon, YAG,MDLT), Glaucoma surgery, lid surgery (which does not fulfil Dudley CCG criteria for Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV)

4c) If yes to 4a, of these, how many procedures were carried out in the last 12 months for which data is available?

Treatment area/procedure	Number of patients receiving this treatment/procedure privately
<i>Cataract Removal</i>	6
YAG laser Capsulotomy	1
Laser Cyclodiode	1

5) In August 2014, the Secretary of State for Health announced an additional £250m of funding to reduce patient waiting times. Of this £250m,

a. How much has The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust received?

£778,442

b. How much has gone towards ophthalmology at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

£265,028

c. How much has gone towards cataract surgery at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

This information is not possible to gather; extra funding is not associated with specifics within PbR procedures but is dealt with at speciality level over-performance.