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Freedom of Information request 012586

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 The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Period	Average waiting time (days)
12 months to January 2016	
December 2015	
November 2015	
October 2015	
September 2015	
August 2015	
July 2015	
June 2015	
May 2015	
April 2015	
March 2015	
February 2015	
January 2015	

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.

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 The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Period	Average waiting time (days)
12 months to January 2015	
December 2014	
November 2014	
October 2014	
September 2014	
August 2014	
July 2014	
June 2014	
May 2014	
April 2014	

March 2014	
February 2014	
January 2014	

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2a)

In the last 3 years, how many patients underwent cataract removal surgery at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Year	Number of patients
2013	1359
2014	1441
2015	1457

2b)

In each of the last 3 years, how many individual cataract removal procedures were performed at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Year	Number of procedures
2013	1649
2014	1751
2015	1820

2c)

Does The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operate a criteria for determining the priority/eligibility of patients for cataract surgery? If so, please specify.

The Trust operate to the Dudley CCG's policy relating to procedures of limited clinical value

2d)

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

If they do not meet the Dudley CCG's policy relating to procedures of limited clinical value

3a)

Are toric intraocular lenses available for patients with astigmatism undergoing cataract surgery at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Yes	No
	No

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 The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust?

Yes	No

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?

	Date range	Number of patients fitted with toric lenses
All patients treated at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust	<i>i.e. January 2015-January 2016</i>	
NHS patients treated 'on the NHS' at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust		