

FOI REF: 22/230

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your trust.**

Currently there are 199 patients waiting for cataract surgery within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.

- 2. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 18 weeks - 51 weeks within your trust.**

Currently there are 55 patients waiting between 18 – 51 weeks for cataract surgery within the Trust.

- 3. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks - 103 weeks within your trust.**

Currently there are zero patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks – 103 weeks within the Trust.

- 4. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks within your trust.**

Currently there are zero patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks within the Trust.

- 5. Please answer yes or no. Are you currently using any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.**

No, the Trust are not using any sub-contractors to support backlog as this is not required.

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6. **Please answer yes or no. Have you used, any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.**

The Trust have not used any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of cataract patients for the past 3 years.

7. **Please answer yes or no. Have you transferred any Cataract patients into the care of another provider? Eg: IPT**

No.

8. **If yes to question 5, 6 or 7, please provide the name and location of the provider (s) you have used or are using.**

Not applicable.

9. **If yes to question 5 or 6 please provide the total number of completed cataract surgeries they have done for you in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (to date).**

Not applicable.

10. **If yes to question 7, please provide total number of patients transferred, by provider.**

Not applicable.

11. **If no to question 9, please provide a reason for not using other providers to support with any backlog within your Trust.**

The Trust are very proud of the fact that our waiting list is manageable with the excellent team and staff working very hard and our waiting list is lower now that it was pre-covid.

12. **Please confirm the total number of days a week you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.**

The Trust have cataract lists Monday – Friday between two sites, Bexhill Hospital and Eastbourne District General Hospital. The Trust also undertake some cataract lists at weekends on an adhoc basis if needed.

13. **Please confirm how many cataract patients you expect to see on each of the days you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.**

For each session it depends on the clinical time set aside, for 1 PA it is 6 cases and for 1.25 PA it is 7 cases. Each week we have 12 set cataract sessions generating 81 cataracts per week and some weeks may be more if lists are converted to cataract lists, therefore, 81 is the minimum we would perform in a week for clarity.

14. Please provide the name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for contracting these services within your Trust.

As a provider the Trust does not contract for the provision of cataract services. Our lead commissioner is NHS East Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group who can be contacted via the email address below:

scwcsu.esussex.foi@nhs.net

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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