

FOI REF: 23/361

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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:

Please detail the number of referrals to cataract clinics at your Trust in each of the following years.

Please could the above be split by referrer/referral source (i.e. by GP practice, optometric practice etc)

a) 2023/24 (year to date)

Please note that 'Consultant' in these tables refers to a Consultant to Consultant referral.

Source of Referral	April	May	Total
GP	198	249	447
Consultant	153	266	419
Other	4	3	7
Total	355	518	873

b) 2022/23

Source of Referral	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
GP	237	314	313	262	288	290	305	285	219	271	265	263	3312
Consultant	244	305	269	319	300	291	320	279	216	245	245	280	3313
Other	4	1	1	30	27	22	32	7	3	2	11	13	153
Total	485	620	583	611	615	603	657	571	438	518	521	556	6778

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c) 2021/22

Source of Referral	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
GP	231	287	271	290	262	260	286	237	243	233	262	302	3164
Consultant	215	281	244	272	230	252	264	233	242	205	260	292	2990
Other	5	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	12
Total	451	568	516	563	492	513	551	470	485	438	523	596	6166

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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