

FOI REF: 25/011

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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 note that all the responses given below are for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust only, not the whole of Sussex.

1) How long is the waiting list for NHS cataract surgery currently in Sussex?

25 weeks.

2) How long is the wait in between a referral for NHS cataract surgery and the initial appointment?

6 weeks.

3) How long is the wait to have both eyes operated on?

Operations on second eyes are now booked at the same time as operations on first eyes are booked. The operations are approximately 6 – 8 weeks apart.

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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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