



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-580

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th January 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding eye procedures.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Could you please assist me with a request for information regarding some common eye procedures carried out by the Trust? If possible, I would like to know:

1. Is the Trust ophthalmology service currently funded through payment by results for through a fixed (block) contract, or aligned incentive contract? If it is currently payment by results are there plans to move to an aligned incentive contract in 2019?

A1 The ophthalmology service is currently funded through payment by results. The basis for the contract for 2019/2020 is currently under discussion and is still to be agreed.

Q2 The number of cataract operations carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital. Please include C71, C72, C73, C74 and C75.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
Site A			
Site B			
Site C			
etc..			

A2 Please see below: please note that the information below is for Royal Stoke University Hospital only, this procedure is not carried out at the County Hospital (Stafford) site.

	Year			
	2016	2017	2018	Total
Total Ops	2765	2763	2724	8252

Q3 The number of glaucoma filtering surgeries (to include trabeculectomy [C60.1], deep sclerectomy [C52.1 & C52.2] and viscocanulostomy [C60.6]) carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
Site A			
Site B			
Site C			
etc			

A3 Please see below: please note that the information below is for Royal Stoke University Hospital only, this procedure is not carried out at the County Hospital (Stafford) site.

	Year			
	2016	2017	2018	Total
Total Ops	97	122	84	303

Q4 The number of minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries [C60.5] (to include iStent, Xen, and Cypass) carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
Site A			
Site B			
Site C			
etc..			

A4 Please see below: please note that the information below is for Royal Stoke University Hospital only, this procedure is not carried out at the County Hospital (Stafford) site.

	Year			
	2016	2017	2018	Total
Total Ops	2	3	11	16

Q5 The number of selective laser trabeculoplasty [C61.1] procedures carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
Site A			
Site B			
Site C			
etc..			

A5 Zero operations recorded

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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