

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 13 May 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. The number of individuals who were in the Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust waiting list for a cataract related procedure in 2019 (date range: 01/01/19 - 31/12/19), and their average waiting time. Data broken down by month**
- 2. The number of individuals who were in the Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust waiting list for a cataract related procedure in 2020 (date range: 01/01/20 - 31/12/20), and their average waiting time. Broken down by month**
- 3. The number of individuals in the Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust waiting list for a cataract related procedure so far in 2021 (date range: 01/01/21 - Present), and their average waiting time. Broken down by month**

The Trust reports waiting times/list data as per national requirements and for waiting lists, the Trust is obliged to report on incomplete pathways at a specialty/Trust level, but not at an intended procedure level. The Trust reports the number of patients who are waiting at any given moment in time (usually at the end of the month for national reporting). The length of time the patient has waited at any given moment in time is characterised by the events associated with the patient pathway and these events; the consequential impact can therefore be different for each patient, and there is a significant risk that the length of time waited at any given moment in time may be skewed.

Furthermore, waiting list data has the intended procedure the patient is due to have and this may not always be the actual final procedure a patient has when they undergo treatment and therefore aligning treatment with waiting list data retrospectively is extremely difficult and fraught with challenges, particularly where a patient may be waiting for multiple and different treatments.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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