

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 18 May 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Number of yearly cataract surgery procedures between 2016-2019.

PROCEDURE	Count of MRN
Extraction of cataract	
2018	490
2019	966
2020	291
Grand Total	1747

2. How many cataract surgery lists with how many patients on them are usually run per week or per month? (excluding pandemic times)

Pre pandemic (pre-March 2020).

6 / week

3. On which days of the week are the lists usually run? (excluding pandemic times)

Pre pandemic (pre-March 2020);

Every day except Monday

4. Is there a difference made between patients that require an experienced surgeon and patients that may also be treated by less-experienced surgeons i.e., Junior Doctors?

Yes

5. If 4 is a yes, for which of the cataract surgery lists (question 3) are either experienced and less-experienced or only less-experienced surgeon available? (excluding pandemic times)

Mixed lists (all)

6. How and by which criteria are cataract surgery patients prioritized? (Before, during and foreseeably after the pandemic)

Listing for surgery:

- severely limited binocular vision
- inability to work or drive
- at high risk of falls due to vision
- required to manage other sight threatening disease e.g. diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma management

Listing for assessment for cataract surgery:

- we used the Royal College of Ophthalmology 's prioritisation tool

7. How many patients were on the cataract surgery waiting list between 2016-2019?

This information is not recorded.

8. How many patients were on average referred to your trust to receive cataract surgery per month between 2016 and 2019?

Difficult to quantify as it would have come through as a general referral and then been allocated to subspeciality.

9. Which characteristics (age, comorbidities, priorities etc.) did the patients have that were referred to your trust per month between 2016 and 2019?

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Yours sincerely,

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

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