

FOI Request: Cataract Surgery
Our Reference Number: 1314019

1. How many cataract surgery procedures were carried out in your clinical commissioning area in the following years?

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2a. Does your CCG have a defined threshold for patients to be referred for cataract surgery, other than where the cataract is impacting a patients' quality of life?

Yes

3. Are any of the following criteria included within the Cataract referral policy for your CCG?

3b. If you answered yes for a visual acuity threshold for both eyes, at what level is this set?

3c. If you answered yes for a visual acuity threshold for the affected eye at what level is this set?

3d. When will your CCG's Cataract referral policy next be reviewed?

Please find our policy attached:



Service Restriction
Policy 2012 - final do

4. If you answered "yes" to question 2a, are thresholds being placed on access to cataract surgery for any of the following reasons?

Increased demand for services

5. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group operate a referral refinement scheme for cataract patients?

No

6. Has your NHS England Local Area Team (LAT) established a Local Eye Health Network (LEHN)?

Yes

6b. If you answered "yes", is your LEHN responsible for current cataract surgery referral policy?

No

7. Is cataract referral in your area compliant with the latest cataract referral guidelines published by The Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) published in September 2010? (Please put a cross in the correct box)

Yes

7b. If you answered "no" to the above question, what other guidelines are used for cataract referral in your area?

N/A

8. Now that the best practice tariff for cataract surgery is no longer mandatory, as outlined in the Department of Health's Draft Payment by Results Guidance 2013-14, is your Clinical Commissioning Group continuing to implement the best practice tariff?

Yes

9. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group encourage patients to access the NHS Cataract Patient Decision Aid, which is accessed via NHS Choices?

No

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10. In 2012, what was the average referral to treatment time for cataract surgery in your area?

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10b. Is your CCG taking measures to decrease referral to treatment times for cataract procedures?

No