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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4427

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 19th August 2020.

Your request was as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information act, I'd like to make the following FOI request which relates to cataract operations within your trust.

My FOI questions are:

1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for cataract surgery? How does this compare with each year for the past five years?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not treat patients for cataracts or perform cataract surgery, therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

2. What is the average time a patient is on the waiting list for cataract surgery before having the procedure?

N/A

3. How long has the patient who has had the longest wait for cataract surgery been waiting?

N/A

4. How has Covid-19 affected waiting times for cataract operations?

N/A

5. How many cataract surgeries have you carried out each month this year?

N/A

6. How many cataract surgeries have you carried out each month last year?

N/A

7. How many cataract surgeries did you carry out each month five years ago in 2015?

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4427 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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