

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-242**

22 April 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**Please provide the following information for the last 12 months of completed data (ending January 2025):**

**1. For each month, the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery. Please split this into:**

- a. 0-18weeks. - 624**
- b. 18-35 weeks. - 161**
- c. 36-51 weeks. - 37**
- d. 52-64 weeks. - 0**
- e. 65+ weeks. - 0**
- f. Total waiting. - 822**

**2. For each month the total number of new Cataract referrals.**

Month	Total Referrals
Feb-24	254
Mar-24	288
Apr-24	269
May-24	277
Jun-24	272
Jul-24	304
Aug-24	263
Sep-24	283
Oct-24	347
Nov-24	269
Dec-24	235
Jan-25	322

**3. For each month, the total number of cataracts completed by:**

**a. The Trust.**

Month	Total Activity
Feb-24	234
Mar-24	264
Apr-24	237
May-24	254
Jun-24	243
Jul-24	261
Aug-24	226
Sep-24	234
Oct-24	300
Nov-24	229
Dec-24	185
Jan-25	229

**b. An Independent Services Provider (please provide the name and location).**

Insourcing with Glanso - approximately 20 cases per month

**4. Number of days operational within the Trust.**

Independent provider approximately 12 days per year

The Trust operate internal cataract lists on average 5 days per week.

**5. Average number of patients treated per day.**

**6. For each month, the total number of patients waiting for Glaucoma treatment. Please split this into:**

**a. 0-18weeks.** - 68

**b. 18-35 weeks.** - \*

**c. 36-51 weeks.** - 6

**d. 52-64 weeks.** - 0

**e. 65+ weeks.** - 0

**f. Total waiting.** - We have not provided the information in the requested format as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of

information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

## **7. For each month the total number of new Glaucoma referrals.**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Referrals</b>
Feb-24	9
Mar-24	*
Apr-24	7
May-24	*
Jun-24	*
Jul-24	*
Aug-24	11
Sep-24	6
Oct-24	8
Nov-24	20
Dec-24	15
Jan-25	22

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## **8. For each month, the total number of Glaucoma treatments completed by: a. The Trust.**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Activity</b>
Feb-24	8
Mar-24	*
Apr-24	6
May-24	*
Jun-24	*
Jul-24	*
Aug-24	9
Sep-24	*
Oct-24	7
Nov-24	17
Dec-24	13
Jan-25	18

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**b. An Independent Services Provider (please provide the name and location).**

None

**9. Number of days operational within the Trust.**

We do not use an independent operator for glaucoma surgery. The Trust runs three glaucoma theatres a week and 17 glaucoma clinics a week + hub.

**10. Average number of patients treated per day.**

Variable

**Please also provide:**

**11. The name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for contracting Ophthalmic services within your Trust.**

Assistant General Manager, Bristol Eye Hospital

**12. The total number forecasted of your Ophthalmic RTT waiting list in 30th May 2025. Please split into total overall, total for Cataracts, and total for Glaucoma.**

220 cataracts; 700 glaucoma

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above 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 Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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