

**Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000****1. Annual total Trust income on Ophthalmology services, for the years 2017/18 to 2022/23**

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**2. Annual total Trust Activity in relation to Ophthalmology services, for the years 2017/18 to 2022/23**

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When we ask for HRG Code and Treatment function we are referring to the HRG codes in the National Tariff Workbook which can be found here:

[https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/22-23NT\\_AnnexA-National-tariff-workbook-Nov22-1.xlsx](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/22-23NT_AnnexA-National-tariff-workbook-Nov22-1.xlsx)

By our understanding, 'Admitted patient care, elective and outpatient procedures' are covered by Healthcare Resource Group Code (HRG Codes) and the Ophthalmology Services fall under the codes beginning BZ\*\*\*, in the 93 rows 121-213 of the "1 APC & OPROC" tab in the National Tariff Workbook 2022/23

Furthermore, there is additional data on first and follow-up 'outpatient attendances' falling under the Treatment Function Codes '130 Ophthalmology Service' and for completion the "216 Paediatric Ophthalmology Service" on the "2 Outpatients" tab.

To note, we have asked for the same data from ICBs and have been provided this information in all cases.

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**3. Waiting times**

For each of the financial years between 2017/18 and 2022/23, the average time that a patient would have to wait between referral and first appointment for the following conditions:

- A. Cataracts
- B. Glaucoma
- C. Age Related Macular Degeneration
- D. Diabetic Retinopathy

Unfortunately we cannot answer question 3, as the waiting time from referral to first appointment is not a metric we routinely monitor.

We would strongly prefer data to be provided in an Excel compatible file-format, especially if there is a large quantity of data. Tables in PDF files cannot be reliably copied and risks errors and mis-transcriptions.

**A note on COVID & Block contracts**

We understand that COVID led to changes to the payment regimes and the use of block contracts. We realise that during this period this may make analysis of income from different types of activity challenging to assess.

Taking into account these challenges, we would be grateful if the Trust is able to provide a consistent dataset across the six year financial years.