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### Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our responses are shown below:

1)

In the 12 months to January 2016 (or to the most recent month available), what was the average waiting time in days (referral to treatment time) for patients awaiting cataract surgery through Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust?

Period	Average waiting time (days)
<b>12 months to January 2016</b>	
December 2015	84
November 2015	77
October 2015	77
September 2015	84
August 2015	84
July 2015	84
June 2015	63
May 2015	70
April 2015	70
March 2015	84
February 2015	84
January 2015	70

2a)

In the last 3 years, how many patients underwent cataract removal surgery at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust?

Year	Number of patients
2013	1248
2014	1474
2015	1671

2b)

In each of the last 3 years, how many individual cataract removal procedures were performed at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust?

Year	Number of procedures
2013	1531
2014	1812
2015	2060

2c)

Does Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust operate a criteria for determining the priority/eligibility of patients for cataract surgery? If so, please specify.

We obey the CCG criteria that is in the public domain.

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2d)

Under what circumstances are NHS cataract patients ineligible for 'second eye surgery' – i.e. cataract removal from both eyes?

We obey the CCG criteria that is in the public domain.

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3a)

Are toric intraocular lenses available for patients with astigmatism undergoing cataract surgery at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust?

Yes	No
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3b)

If yes to 3a, please list the conditions and criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to patients.

n/a  
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3c)

If yes to 3a, are toric intraocular lenses available for NHS patients with astigmatism undergoing NHS-provided cataract surgery at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust? n/a

Yes	No

3d)

If yes to 3c, please list the conditions and criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to NHS patients.

n/a  
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3e)

If yes to 3a and/or 3c, how many patients have been fitted with toric intraocular lenses in the last 12 months, for which data is available? n/a

	Date range	Number of patients fitted with toric lenses
All patients treated at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	<i>i.e. January 2015-January 2016</i>	
NHS patients treated 'on the NHS' at Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust		