

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2020.518**  
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Thank you for your email dated 14 July 2020, requesting information regarding ophthalmology and eye departments.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your request:**

- 1. What was the annual budget for the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 2. How many patients were treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 3. How many patients treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from refractive surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 4. How many patients treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 5. Of all the patients treated by the Trust's ophthalmology and eye departments outpatient clinics, what percentage were treated for complications arising from contact lens wear in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 6. How many of the Trust's patients had cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 7. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to being listed for cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 8. What were the average waiting times from point of referral to undergoing first eye cataract surgery in each of the last 5 financial years?**
- 9. How many patients are currently waiting to have cataract surgery?**
- 10. What number and percentage of patients that have a cataract procedure on their first eye go on to have a cataract procedure on their second eye within six months of the first in each of the last five financial years?**
- 11. What number and percentage of patients that have a cataract procedure on their first eye go on to have a cataract procedure on their second eye within twelve months of the first in each of the last five financial years?**
- 12. What percentage of patients have a cataract procedure performed on each of their two eyes (bilateral procedure) on the same day during each of the last five financial years?**

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not provide ophthalmology and eye treatment; this would be provided by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW). Therefore your request should be directed to MTW, who can be contacted as follows:

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