

2018-334 - FOI request - Cataract services in NHS Trusts
Waiting Times and Surgery Volume

1a) In the 24 months to January 2018 (or to the most recent month available), what was the average waiting time in days (referral to treatment time) and maximum waiting times for patients awaiting cataract surgery through Bolton NHS Foundation Trust?

Period	Average waiting time (days)	Maximum waiting times (days)
12 months to April 2018	82	251
March 2018	77	183
February 2018	75	222
January 2018	88	251
December 2017	96	197
November 2017	91	227
October 2017	97	238
September 2017	89	244
August 2017	78	184
July 2017	73	220
June 2017	75	217
May 2017	79	204
April 2017	70	241

Period	Average waiting time (days)	Maximum waiting times (days)
12 months to April 2017	69	234
March 2017	73	229
February 2017	69	202
January 2017	64	155
December 2016	59	195
November 2016	71	176
October 2016	73	234
September 2016	70	181
August 2016	71	203
July 2016	70	213
June 2016	71	190
May 2016	65	207
April 2016	69	191

Referral Criteria

2a) In the last 2 years, how many patients underwent cataract removal surgery at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust?

Year	Number of patients
2016	1659
2017	1478

2b) In each of the last 2 years, how many individual cataract removal procedures were performed at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust?

Year	Number of procedures
2016	2188
2017	1957

2c) Does Bolton NHS Foundation Trust operate criteria for determining the priority/eligibility of patients for cataract surgery? Please tick the box below

Yes	No
Yes	

2d) If yes to question 2c), please tick all the boxes below that best describes the criteria you operate

The discretion of commissioners	
A joint decision between CCG and NHS trust	
Surgery is indicated for control of other co-morbidities	✓
Procedure of limited clinical value policy	✓
Visual acuity	✓
In line with NICE guidelines	✓
Other	

2e) Under what circumstances are NHS cataract patients ineligible for 'second eye surgery' - i.e. cataract removal from both eyes? Please tick all that apply

No circumstances/ unrestricted	
Determined by commissioners	
Joint decision between CCG and NHS trust	
Criteria the same as for first eye surgery	✓
Procedure of limited clinical value policy	✓
Visual acuity	✓
Quality of life factors	✓
Anisometropia	✓
Other	