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Dear Sirs

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 8 July 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

1. Name of NHS Trust(s) in the CCG geographical boundary? [York Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust \(YTHFT\)](#)
2. Does the CCG have / commission a Referral Management (Assessment) Centre that includes Cataract Surgery referrals? [Yes](#)
3. If yes, please name the provider that manages it. If inhouse, please state inhouse? [In-house](#)
4. For Cataract Surgery – which providers are commissioned to provide this surgery via NHS Standard Contract? [YTHFT](#)
5. Is this as a block / AQP / NCA arrangement? Please state for each provider, including date (if applicable) the contract expires? [Block, part of Vale of York CCG's acute contract with YTHFT](#)
6. Is there an extension clause in the relevant contracts? If so please state length of extension and name of provider it relates to? [N/A](#)
7. For Cataract Surgery – which providers have provided Cataract Surgery on a Non-Contract Activity Basis since 01/01/20? [Linked in with Choice requirements, main provider is Spa Medica](#)
8. Does the CCG operate a Prior Approval Policy for cataract surgery? If yes please attach the policy in your response? [Currently in development](#)
9. What was the average waiting time and waiting numbers of patients, in June 2020 and June 2019 for patients waiting for non-complex cataract surgery at the local NHS Trust? If unable to provide at that level please state and provide information at Ophthalmology Specialty? [The median wait for Ophthalmology at YTHFT in June 2019 was 9.9 weeks. We cannot provide June 2020 position until](#)

the next set of RTT data is published on the second Thursday in August, the most recent we have is end May 2020 and at that point the median Ophthalmology wait was 21.2 weeks. At June 2019 there were 4,384 patients on an incomplete pathway in Ophthalmology at YTHFT, with 1,210 of those waiting over 18 weeks. At May 2020 there were 3,796 patients on an incomplete YTHFT Ophthalmology pathway, with 2,272 waiting over 18 weeks. This is all purely YTHFT level and takes no account of the patients' CCG.

Response

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds the information you have requested as per the above.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

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