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### **Freedom of Information request**

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to you.

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 25/03/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

All the below information is from 06<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

- 1. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your trust.**  
As of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, there were 396 patients awaiting cataracts surgery.
- 2. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 18 weeks - 51 weeks within your trust.**  
As of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, there were 25 patients waiting for cataract surgery between 18 weeks to 51 weeks.
- 3. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks - 103 weeks within your trust.**  
As of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, there were zero patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks to 103 weeks.
- 4. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks within your trust.**  
As of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, there were zero patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks.
- 5. Please answer yes or no. Are you currently using any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.**  
Yes.
- 6. Please answer yes or no. Have you used, any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.**  
Yes

**7. Please answer yes or no. Have you transferred any Cataract patients into the care of another provider? Eg: IPT**

Yes.

**8. If yes to question 5, 6 or 7, please provide the name and location of the provider (s) you have used or are using.**

The Trust has used Practice Plus Group (PPG) Portsmouth and Medinet insourcing.

**9. If yes to question 5 or 6 please provide the total number of completed cataract surgeries, they have done for you in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (to date).**

PPG only recently started seeing patients that the Trust have referred. Therefore, it is unknown to us where they are in the pathway with PPG. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Medinet are only providing support for outpatient clinics, they do not undertake surgery.

**10. If yes to question 7, please provide total number of patients transferred, by provider.**

This information is not recorded by the Trust. The referral is undertaken when the consultant manually triages the patient. Please see exemption in question 9.

**11. If no to question 9, please provide a reason for not using other providers to support with any backlog within your Trust.**

Not applicable.

**12. Please confirm the total number of days a week you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.**

Cataract surgeries during 2021/22 were carried out six days per week (Mon – Sat).

**13. Please confirm how many cataract patients you expect to see on each of the days you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.**

Using data from 2021/22 the average number of Cataract surgeries per day is shown in the table below:

Day	Patients
Monday	9
Tuesday	9
Wednesday	8
Thursday	9
Friday	10
Saturday	7

**14. Please provide the name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for contracting these services within your Trust.**

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Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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