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Dear ,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

- ***How many eye clinics/departments are there within your trust treating patients with eye conditions?***

There are 2 eye clinics in our Trust

- ***Please provide the names and locations of each of these eye clinics/departments***
 - 1) Boston House, Frog Lane, Wigan
 - 2) Leigh Infirmary, The Avenue, Leigh
- ***What policy do you have in place to determine eligibility for cataract surgery? Please provide a copy of this policy together with a written statement of the reasons for this policy.***

Eligibility for cataract surgery is determined by clinical judgement. This is compatible with the EUR cataract document recently published by the Greater Manchester consortium. A pdf file of this is attached.

- ***Do you refer any of your patients to non-NHS providers for cataract surgery? If yes, please list all the providers.***

No, we do not refer to private providers

- ***What literature do you offer patients in relation to self pay services for cataract surgery?***

All patients for cataract surgery are offered a copy of the RNIB booklet "Understanding Cataracts".

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I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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