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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 FOI Act.

The Leaflets which are provided state that following a cataract operation:

*1 in 1000 patients become blind
1 in 10,000 will lose the eye completely*

Could you please provide me with the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act?

1) What are the equivalent statistics, for the last three years, for Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust?

We do not keep statistics in the form requested. The trust contributes all its cataract data to the national ophthalmic database, from which a publically available, nationally approved, audit is produced. **The current report is attached** and the visual acuity data for all contributing centres is given in tables 4 & 5

2) I would also like to know the make and type of replacement lenses the consultant will use.

The trust currently uses a B&L sofport L161AO lens as a routine

3) I would like to seek confirmation that the person who undertakes the operation is experienced and qualified and is NOT inexperienced or a trainee.

The Trust supports the teaching of future specialists and of course the experience of all surgeons is individual. If trainees are to be involved in a patient's care that will be discussed with each patient separately. .

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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