

Ref: FOI/2025/11277

Date Received: 3rd December 2025

Response Due: 5th January 2026

Date: 2nd January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd December 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please could you provide the following information:

1. Current waiting list data

a. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for ophthalmology outpatient appointments.

819 (RTT Waiting List Type Non-Admitted - as of 05/12/25)

b. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.

401 (RTT Waiting List Type Admitted - as of 05/12/25)

c. The total number of patients currently waiting for an initial ophthalmology appointment following a potential glaucoma referral (for example, referrals where glaucoma is suspected by a GP, optometrist, or other clinician).

31 (Name of Service Glaucoma, OPWL)

2. Waiting time information

a. The average waiting time (in weeks) for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment from the date of referral.

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b. The longest current waiting time for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment.

42

c. The average waiting time (in weeks) for ophthalmology surgery or procedures from the date of being listed.

14

d. The longest current waiting time for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.

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3. Timeframe and trend (if available)

Please provide the same information as above for the following points in time (or nearest available data):

March 2023

a. The average waiting time (in weeks) for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment from the date of referral.

10

b. The longest current waiting time for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment.

54

c. The average waiting time (in weeks) for ophthalmology surgery or procedures from the date of being listed.

23

d. The longest current waiting time for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.

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March 2024

a. The average waiting time (in weeks) for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment from the date of referral.

19

b. The longest current waiting time for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment.

64

c. The average waiting time (in weeks) for ophthalmology surgery or procedures from the date of being listed.

26

d. The longest current waiting time for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.

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Most recent available month

November 2025

a. The average waiting time (in weeks) for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment from the date of referral.

8

b. The longest current waiting time for a first ophthalmology outpatient appointment.

40

c. The average waiting time (in weeks) for ophthalmology surgery or procedures from the date of being listed.

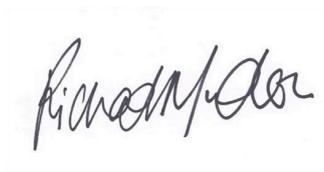
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d. The longest current waiting time for ophthalmology surgery or procedures.

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If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 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 'Richard Mundon', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Richard Mundon
Deputy Chief Executive

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111