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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CATARACT SURGERY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cataract surgery.

Question:

- The information I request is: for each of your surgeons who have performed cataract operations during the past three years, for each of the past three years, the number of cataract operations performed, percent operations with posterior capsule rupture and percent operations with vision loss.

My understanding is that this post operative information is available. In England it is published annually in the Royal College of Ophthalmologist's annual cataract audit, but unfortunately currently data on surgeons operating in Scotland is not presented in this annual audit.

Answer:

Number of Cataract Procedures per Calendar Year

Consultant	2022	2023	2024	2025
DR ANDREW J TATHAM	126	171	248	151
DR ASHISH AGRAWAL	74	213	154	147
DR ASHRAF ALI KHAN	191	363	344	191
DR COLIN R GOUDIE	115	145	97	106
DR CONRAD LL SCHMOLL	157	234	213	159
DR HARRY GB BENNETT	202	403	248	234
DR JASWINDER SINGH	91	142	164	87
DR KAREN E MADILL	100	184	94	103
DR KIM AH-SEE	5<	14	10	13
DR LAI LING TAN	25	248	241	175
DR MANJIT S MEHAT	118	296	234	113
DR MARTIN ANDERSON	43	88	165	0

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DR MARY E MACRAE	87	213	196	147
DR MEI-LING CHENG	64	139	92	75
DR MOHAMMAD Z MUSTAFA	9	0	0	50
DR NAING LATT TINT	127	111	156	133
DR P KOAY	93	163	83	53
DR PANKAJ K AGARWAL	147	255	144	162
DR PAUL J STEPTOE	57	200	218	129
DR ROBERT G PEDEN	38	24	27	5<
DR ROLY D MEGAW	46	0	0	0
DR ROXANNE ANNOH	18	8	129	38
DR STEPHEN A MADILL	115	219	126	64
DR SUNDEEP S DEOL	21	0	0	0
DR TEJ M RANE-MALCOLM	96	152	91	73
DR TIN KIN CHAN	35	90	88	141
EDWARD SAXBY	24	0	0	0
SU LING YOUNG	37	46	0	38
DR H NIKKI HALL	0	10	0	0
DR JUAN LYN ANG	0	10	24	7
DR MARK R WRIGHT	0	410	221	0
DANIEL BECK	0	0	40	0
DR CELIA FERNANDEZ ALCALDE	0	0	25	0
DR FREDERICK ROBERT BURGESS	0	0	7	20
DR AHMED S E BARDAN	0	0	0	38
DR ANNE-MARIE FIRAN	0	0	0	20
DR JOANNA MAIR	0	0	0	5<
DR MURTUZA A MOOKHTIAR	0	0	0	79
DR PANKAJ PURI	0	0	0	36
DR RADWAN AL MOUSA	0	0	0	38
DR USMAN MAHMOOD	0	0	0	276
MISS SAYALI PRAKASH PRADHAN	0	0	0	18

1. We do not have any datasets that are able to answer the questions related to complications (posterior capsule rupture and vision loss).

2. The following table shows the number of cataract procedures performed each calendar year by the Consultant recorded in the theatre data as having performed the procedure.

3. In this analysis a cataract procedure is a procedure carried out in theatre in NHSL during the period which was either:

Recorded with a Procedure Description of "CATARACT TREATMENT", "2ND EYE CATARACT TREATMENT", or "CATARACT TREATMENT (SAT)"

Or recorded with the OPCS codes normally used for cataract treatment, that is, C71.2 (Phacoemulsification of lens) and C75.1 (Insertion of prosthetic replacement for lens NEC).

Where OPCS codes have been used it may be that the surgeon performed other procedures (in addition to cataract treatment) at the same time.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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