

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CATARACT PROCEDURES

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

Question:

Cataract surgery activity

1. Please confirm the number of cataract procedures performed by the Trust in each of the last three financial years, if available.

Answer:

Financial Year	Procedures
2022/23	3,069
2023/24	4,464
2024/25	3,175

Question:

2. **Intraocular lenses (IOLs)**

- a. Please confirm the current IOL supplier or suppliers used by the Trust for cataract surgery.
- b. If possible, please indicate the approximate proportion of usage by supplier.
- c. Are IOLs currently under a formal contract or framework agreement?
If yes, please confirm the contract start and end dates.

Answer:

a.	Raynor
b.	95%
c.	Yes, 18 months

Question:

Phacoemulsification equipment

3. How many phacoemulsification machines are currently in clinical use at the Trust?

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- a. Please confirm the manufacturer or supplier of the phaco machines.
- b. Please provide the year of manufacture or approximate age of each unit.
- c. Are the phaco machines covered by a service or maintenance contract?
If yes, please confirm the contract end date, if available.

Answer:

3.	4
a.	Bausch and Lomb
b.	2.5 years
c.	Yes, annually

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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