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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 22nd February 2018

You Asked for:

1. Please state the total number of referrals from primary care to Ophthalmology for cataract surgery (all types) in A) 2016, B) 2017 and C) 2018 to date.
If it is not possible to provide data specifically regarding cataract surgery referrals then please provide data for all Ophthalmology referrals for A, B and C.
2. A) Has the CCG updated its eligibility guidelines and/or referrals policy for cataract surgery since 04/08/17?
B) If yes, please provide a link to the relevant website or attach the relevant document, stating page number where applicable.

Please note - I submitted a request for similar-sounding information on 04/08/17 - however, this is a new and separate request with two key differences:

- A) I am requesting data from calendar years, not financial years
- B) I am requesting only the latest referral guidelines/policies which have been updated since my last request.

Our Response:

1. A) 3620
B) 4368
C) 54

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold information on referrals from primary care to ophthalmology for cataract surgery, therefore we have provided data for all ophthalmology referrals as per your request

2. Following new Nice Guidance published in 2017, NHS Wirral CCG is undertaking a review of its referral criteria for cataracts. However at this stage, no amendments have been agreed.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group

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