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Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, with regards to cataract surgery referrals and policy.

**Request / Response**

**Please could you tell me:**

- 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.**

Response:

A) 2016 - 2,921

B) 2017 - 2,379

C) 2018 (to date) - 152

**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?**

Response: The updated policy is scheduled to be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

**B) If yes, please provide a link to the relevant website or attach the relevant document, stating page number where applicable.**

Response: The policy will be loaded on to the CCG web site below once published

<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1735/final-liverpool-ccg-commissioning-policy-13-05-2015-for-website.pdf>

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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