

## Cataract Referrals

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Dear FOI team,*

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:*

- 1. Please detail the number of referrals to cataract clinics at your Trust in each of the following years:*
  - a. 2023/24 Year to Date (YTD)*
  - b. 2022/23*
  - c. 2021/22*

*Please could the above be split by referrer/referral source (i.e. by GP practice, optometric practice etc)*

Answer: Please see table overleaf. In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases  $\leq 5$  is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SOURCE TYPE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2021/22	Allied Health Professional	8
2021/22	GDP - General Dental Practitioner	≤5
2021/22	GP - General Medical Practitioner	305
2021/22	Independent Sector	≤5
2021/22	National Screening Programme	≤5
2021/22	Optometrist	1731
2021/22	Orthoptist	8
2021/22	Other Consultant - Not Accident & Emergency (External)	21
2021/22	Other Consultant - Not Accident & Emergency (Internal)	92
2021/22	Patient (Self-Referral)	≤5
2021/22	Prison Health Service	≤5
2022/23	Allied Health Professional	14
2022/23	Cornwall County Council	≤5
2022/23	GDP - General Dental Practitioner	≤5
2022/23	GP - General Medical Practitioner	269
2022/23	National Screening Programme	≤5
2022/23	Optometrist	1428
2022/23	Orthoptist	≤5
2022/23	Other Consultant - Accident & Emergency	≤5
2022/23	Other Consultant - Not Accident & Emergency (External)	15
2022/23	Other Consultant - Not Accident & Emergency (Internal)	73
2022/23	Other Referrer - Other Source	≤5
2022/23	Patient (Self-Referral)	≤5
2022/23	Same Consultant - Other Source	24
2022/23	Specialist Nurse (Secondary Care)	≤5
2023/24 (YTD)	Allied Health Professional	≤5
2023/24 (YTD)	GP - General Medical Practitioner	38
2023/24 (YTD)	National Screening Programme	≤5
2023/24 (YTD)	Optometrist	503
2023/24 (YTD)	Orthoptist	≤5
2023/24 (YTD)	Other Consultant - Not Accident & Emergency (External)	8
2023/24 (YTD)	Other Consultant - Not Accident & Emergency (Internal)	7