

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_345\_18

### You asked:

#### 1. During the last five years, how many cataract operations have been postponed due to the wrong lenses being ordered/issued in error?

I can confirm that we do not centrally record the specific detail that you have requested. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

However, we are able to provide the number of postponed ophthalmology operations and a breakdown by whether it was the hospital's or patient's decision to postpone. This information is available within the [Disclosure Log](#) on the Cwm Taf University Health Board web site. For ease of access I have attached a link directly to the information below:

- [CTHB 239 18](#)
- [CTHB 269 18](#)

#### 2. How many cataract patients have waited longer than the estimated 8/9 months for treatment?

Length of Wait	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Waiting 8+ months (>244 days)	370	441	607	374	354
Total Episodes	1662	1134	1610	1590	1669
Percentage <8 months	77.7%	61.1%	62.3%	76.5%	78.8%
Length of Wait	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Waiting 9+ months (>274.5 days)	324	353	510	290	205
Total Episodes	1662	1134	1610	1590	1669
Percentage <9 months	80.5%	68.9%	68.3%	81.8%	87.7%

Please note that the increase in the number of patients waiting in 2015/16 is due to significant service pressures and staffing issues.

#### 3. On average, how much does a cataract operation cost the NHS?

I can confirm that under section 21 of the Act, the Health Board is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

In order to comply with our obligation set out in section 16, to provide help and assistance, I would like to advise you the information you are seeking can be accessed via the following link and is coded BZ34C:  
[https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/479/Annex\\_B1 - national tariff workbook.xlsx](https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/479/Annex_B1_-_national_tariff_workbook.xlsx)