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You asked:

I am a female working in health care with bilateral posterior fast progressive cataracts. I am on list for surgery however have been told its a 2.5 year to 3 year wait despite my quality of life being affected.

Please can you provide me with information as to how priority is determined. What is the criteria of priority or not a priority?

I have been led to believe by opticians that because of age, the type of cataract and how my life is being affected I would be likely seen sooner.

If you could provide me with the criteria I would appreciate it.

Our response:

Thank you for reaching out. We understand your concerns regarding the waiting time for surgery.

Surgical priority is determined based on several factors, including the severity of vision impairment, impact on daily activities, employment requirements or duty to other people as a carer, driving ability, and overall quality of life. While age alone is not a primary factor, the nature and progression of your cataracts are considered when assessing urgency.

Please may we suggest that you contact your Clinician to discuss your specific/personal surgery wait, if appropriate.