Reference: **FOI 38444 BUCKS 14Y**

Subject: **Ophthalmology**

I can confirm that the CCG does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
For the following questions, please supply the data broken down by month, for the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021: **If it is not possible to break the data down by month, please supply the data in the shortest time-frame available (e. g. week or quarter).**	
1. **Number of ophthalmology outpatient attendances, cancellations and did not attends.**	Using our Outpatients Secondary Uses Service (SUS) dataset, using "Attended or Did Not Attend Code" (see NHS Data Dictionary website link: https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/data_elements/attended_or_did_not_attend_code.html), please see the spreadsheet attached for the figures by Calendar Year Month up to February 2021. For this question, we have defined Ophthalmology as Treatment Function 310 "Ophthalmology" & 216 "Paediatric Ophthalmology" combined.
2. **The number of referrals made for an ophthalmology specialist appointment**	Figures regarding Referral-To-Treatment are held nationally on the NHS England website here: https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/ From here, you can view 4 kinds of data (wording below from https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2020-21/): • **Incomplete pathways** are waiting times for patients waiting to start treatment at the end of the month. **Note**: **Incomplete pathways with a decision to admit for treatment** are waiting times for patients waiting to start treatment at the end of the month where a clinical decision to admit to a hospital bed for treatment has been made. This is a subset of Incomplete pathways. • **Admitted pathways** are waiting times (time waited) for patients whose treatment started during the month and involved admission to hospital. • **Non-admitted pathways** are waiting times (time waited) for patients whose treatment started during the month and did not involve admission to hospital. • **New RTT periods** are the number of new RTT pathways where the clock start date is within the reporting month

		My suggestion is to do the following: • Compile up the CSV contained in the monthly zip files & Select "NHS BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CCG"(14Y) in the "Commissioner Org Name" column. • Select "Ophthalmology" (C_130) for "Treatment Function Name" column & "New RTT Periods - All Patients" for "RTT Part Description" column. • Look at "Total All" in column BQ.
3.	**The number of patients waiting 18 weeks or longer for a referral for an ophthalmology specialist appointment**	Using the CSV files described in Question 2, • Do the same selections as before except this time, Select "Completed Pathways For Admitted Patients" & "Completed Pathways For Non-Admitted Patients" for "RTT Part Description" column for completed pathways. Select "Incomplete Pathways" for "RTT Part Description" column for pathways not completed. • Columns N to BN contains the number of attendances by week number. Sum up the columns AF to BN in a separate column. Please note the National RTT data is number of attendances, not number of patients.
4.	**The average waiting time in weeks from referral to treatment for ophthalmology patients.**	Using the CSV files described in Question 2, • Do the same selections as before except this time, Select "Completed Pathways For Admitted Patients" & "Completed Pathways For Non-Admitted Patients" for "RTT Part Description" column • Use Columns N to BN to calculate the average.
5.	**The number of cancelled cataract surgery appointments**	The level of information within our outpatients SUS data to identified cancelled cataract surgery appointments is unreliable due to each provider recording clinic information in SUS differently. Buckinghamshire CCG can only identify ones that have occurred after the event. If you would like to redirect your request to the providers in the CCG area, please use the links below: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

6.	**The number of regular "check-up" appointments that have been cancelled**	Buckinghamshire CCG does not hold information for us to identify "check-up" appointments. Attendances are classed as First Attendances to clinics or Follow-up appointments. If you would like to redirect your request to the providers in the CCG area, please use the links below: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
7.	**The number of AMD treatment appointments that have been cancelled**	The level of information within our outpatients SUS data to identified cancelled AMD treatment appointments is unreliable due to each provider recording clinic information in SUS differently. Buckinghamshire CCG can only identify ones that have occurred after the event. If you would like to redirect your request to the providers in the CCG area, please use the links below: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
8.	**The number of patients who have had a virtual appointment, either by phone, video conferencing or any other means.**	Using our Outpatients SUS dataset using "First Attendance" Codes 3 & 4 (see NHS Data Dictionary website link: https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/attributes/first_attendance.html), please see the spreadsheet attached for the total number of patients having Non Face-to-Face appointments each month up to February 2021. For this question, we have defined Ophthalmology as Treatment Function 310 "Ophthalmology" & 216 "Paediatric Ophthalmology" combined.
9.	**If you have categorised patients by risk of vision loss, can you please break down the answers to questions 1-8 by these categories.**	Buckinghamshire CCG does not hold this level of information within our outpatients data. If you would like to redirect your request to the providers in the CCG area, please use the links below: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 13 April 2021 and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.