

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-704

05 February 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. For the individual years 2012-2017 please provide me with the number of patients who had laser refractive eye surgery at the Bristol Eye Hospital.

	No. of eyes	Patients
2012	0	0
2013	28	14
2014		
2015	Data not available	Data not available
2016	Data not available	Data not available
2017	0	0

More than 40 eyes underwent therapeutic laser eye surgery treatments at Bristol Eye Hospital, including phototherapeutic keratectomy treatments and 2 eyes had laser eye surgery for anisometropia (imbalance between the eyes) during the period 2013 and 2016.

The therapeutic treatment eyes are not included in this report as:

- This data was recorded in the Bristol Eye Hospital paper notes and not on the electronic patient record system and thus this data is not readily available.
- The 2 eyes that underwent therapeutic laser eye surgery for anisometropia included eyes with ocular co-morbidity (pigment dispersion syndrome and ocular hypertension) and emmetropia (targeting improved uncorrected distance vision) was not the goal in 1 eyes.

Accordingly we report the outcomes from 3 months post-operatively of 28 eyes of 14 patients that underwent laser eye surgery for the treatment of myopia (short-sightedness) in 2013 and 2014.

28 eyes of 14 patients underwent laser refractive eye surgery for the treatment of myopia (short-sightedness) at Bristol Eye Hospital in 2013 and 2014.
1 eye had a retreatment.

2. For those same individual years please provide the breakdown of those patients with 0 LogMAR or better; 0.3 LogMAR or better; 0.6 LogMAR or better.

2013-14	No. of eyes	Percentage
Post-operative best spectacle corrected visual acuity of 6/6 or better	28/28	100%
Post-operative best spectacle corrected visual acuity of 6/7.5 or better	28/28	100%
Post-operative best spectacle corrected visual acuity of 6/12 or better	28/28	100%.
Post-operative best spectacle corrected visual acuity of 6/24 or better	28/28	100%.
Post-operative uncorrected visual acuity of 6/6 or better	26/28	92.9%
Post-operative uncorrected visual acuity of 6/7.5 or better	27/28	96.4%.
Post-operative uncorrected visual acuity of 6/12 or better	27/28	96.4%.
Post-operative uncorrected visual acuity of 6/24 or better	28/28	100%.

* For the 1 eye that underwent retreatment, the post-operative best spectacle corrected visual acuity was 6/5 and the post-operative uncorrected visual acuity was 6/5.

The visual acuity data was recorded as Snellen visual acuity. The conversion between Snellen Visual acuity and LogMAR is shown as follows:

Snellen Visual acuity	LogMAR chart
6/6	0.0
6/7.5	0.1
6/9.5	0.2
6/12	0.3
6/15	0.4
6/19	0.5
6/24	0.6

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

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Director of Corporate Governance

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Yours sincerely

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