

Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Cataract Surgery Provision Services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. What policy do you have in place to determine eligibility for cataract surgery (for both first and second eye)? Please provide a copy of this policy together with a written statement of the reasons for this policy.
2. Have you made any changes to your policy since April 2013 or are you planning to make changes to your policy? Changes to include plans to approve changes for this financial year (2015/16) and the following financial year (2016/17). Please provide details of agreed and proposed changes.
3. When will you change your cataract policy to reflect recommendations in the Royal College of Ophthalmologists commissioning guidance? This includes implementing section 11 – thresholds for cataract surgery and legal visual acuity requirements. Please provide details of the steps that will be taken to implement these changes.

For questions 1 – 3 please see the following link. This policy was implemented in April 2015 and NHS Southport and Formby has no plans to make further changes at present.

<http://www.southportformbyccg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/FINAL-Southport-Formby-CCG-Commissioning-Policy-13.05.2015.pdf>

4. Please provide details of any meetings (to include minutes) where cataract policies have been discussed in the last 3 years.

The overall commissioning policy was discussed at the Quality Committee in July. Please see the link below.



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<http://www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk/Library/About-us/governing-body-meetings/SFCCG%20September%2014.pdf>