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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding cataract and orthopaedic referrals services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

- Please state the total number of orthopaedic referrals from primary care in A) 2015/16 and B) 2016/17.

Orthopaedic Outpatient Referrals	2015/16	2016/17
03 - GP Referrals	3026	2405
12 - Referral from a General Practitioner with a Special Interest (GPwSI) or Dentist with a Special Interest (DwSI)	1	8
14 - referral from an Allied Health Professional	995	588
Grand Total	4022	3001

Please note the above includes varied Primary Care referral source rather than just the GP Referrals

- Please state the total number of referrals from primary care for cataract treatment in A) 2015/16 and B) 2016/17.

Orthopaedic Primary Care Outpatient Referrals	2015/16	2016/17
Grand Total	4488	4451

Please note the above are not referrals by Optometrist or GP into the specialty of Ophthalmology. NHS Southport and Formby CCG cannot distinguish which of those patients are for Cataract treatment.

- 3A) What are the current eligibility guidelines/criteria for referrals for orthopaedic procedures? Please cut and paste any relevant information or provide a link (and page number if relevant) to the relevant website/document.

Please see the link below for our commissioning policy

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