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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding POLCE policies within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

Please could you provide answers to each following question covering the following time periods: (please provide data covering exclusively in calendar years)

The first covering the time period 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015;
The second covering the time period 1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016;
The third covering the time period 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017;
and the fourth covering the time period 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018;
and the fifth covering the time period 1st January 2019 – 1st August 2019.

1. For each time period, how many applications for the following procedures were approved?
 - a. Cataracts;
 - b. Knee replacement;
 - c. Hip replacement;
 - d. Vasectomy;
 - e. Infertility.
2. For each time period, how many applications for the following procedures were declined?
 - a. Cataracts;
 - b. Knee replacement;
 - c. Hip replacement;
 - d. Vasectomy;
 - e. Infertility.

Please see appendix 1 – NHS Southport and Formby CCG commission optometrists to screen patients and refer on those who meet the policy criteria for cataracts or require



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review by secondary care. The data collected from this scheme does not collect data in the way requested. The CCG only collects numbers referred on to secondary care.