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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 South Sefton 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	2945	3315
12 - Referral from a General Practitioner with a Special Interest (GPwSI) or Dentist with a Special Interest (DwSI)	36	44
14 - referral from an Allied Health Professional	481	482
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3462</b>	<b>3841</b>

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3474</b>	<b>3136</b>

Please note the above are not referrals by Optometrist or GP into the specialty of Ophthalmology. NHS South Sefton 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

<http://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/1175/final-south-sefton-ccg-commissioning-policy-13052015.pdf>

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