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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 South Sefton 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 South Sefton CCG commission optometrists to screen patients and refer on those who meet the policy criteria for cataracts or require 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.