Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10908

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Please provide the number of procedures performed in each financial year for the 10 financial years from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2026 inclusive, using the OPCS codes and code combinations below. We are requesting annual procedure counts only. No patient-level or patient-identifiable information is required.

Procedures and their OPCS-4.10 codes:

- **C60.1 (Trabeculectomy)**
- **C60.5 (Drainage Aqueous Humour)**
- **C57.3 (Use an additional code for graft of sclera)**
- **C60.5 + C57.3 – Drainage of aqueous humour with scleral graft (NEW ADDITION)**
- **C61.- (eye trabecular meshwork operations). Aiming to capture all subcategories except C61.1 as it is a laser procedure performed in the clinic.**
- **C66.4 (photocoagulation ciliary body laser).**
- **C66.4 (photocoagulation ciliary body laser) with (Y76.9). - Please omit if this would exceed the £450 cost limit**
- **C52.1 sclerectomy deep with spacer**
- **C52.2 sclerectomy deep without spacer.**

Please provide the number of procedures recorded under each individual code or specified code combination for each financial year. Where coding has changed during the 10-year period, we would be grateful if the corresponding historical OPCS code applicable during that period could also be included where reasonably retrievable, so that procedures are not inadvertently omitted because of changes in OPCS versions. If possible, I would be grateful if the data could be supplied as an Excel spreadsheet, with each financial year as a separate row and each OPCS code, subcode or specified code combination as a separate column.

If reliable information is not available for the full 10-year period, please provide the information that is available and state the earliest financial year for which reliable records can be retrieved.

Primary OPCS Code IHCS	Procedure Category	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
C605	Drainage Aqueous Humour	26	47	38
C611	Eye trabecular meshwork operations	<5	0	0
C664	Photocoagulation ciliary body laser	<5	16	9
Grand Total		31	63	47

Our legacy theatre data is only available from April 2023, so we cannot provide information for the full period requested.

Low Numbers:
Where there are less than 5, we are unable to provide the exact information you require as this may enable the identification of our employees, members of the public or patients. This would constitute personal information and would be considered exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 (FOI Act) provides an exemption to disclosure, where disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection principles. This exemption is an absolute exemption that is not subject to the public interest test. Where the information relates to an individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data when added to other information, in the possession of, or likely to come into the possession of the data controller, this meets the definition of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team