

CATARACT SURGERY

The choice is yours



A guide to choosing your
cataract surgery provider

YOUR CHOICE OF CATARACT SURGERY PROVIDER

After being advised you need cataract surgery you have the legal right to choose where you would like to receive your treatment. There is a variety of information available to help you make an informed choice of treatment provider.

You can talk to your optometrist or GP who is referring you for more information about the different providers in your area.

To learn more about your right to choice, see the **NHS Choice Framework** by scanning the QR code below:

NHS Choice Framework



Scan me

My Planned Care NHS



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WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A PROVIDER

1 **Wait times for surgery** - you can check wait times at your local hospitals by visiting **My Planned Care NHS** and following the below steps:

- 1.** Select the region where your hospital is located
- 2.** Click the provider you would like more information on
- 3.** Click 'Ophthalmology'

2 **Quality of care** - The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is an independent NHS regulatory body responsible for inspecting and regulating health and social care services. You can view CQC ratings by following the steps above.

You can also find reviews of your local providers online on the NHS website and independent review sites.

3 **Distance** - be aware you will not be able to drive yourself to your appointment. You can choose a provider close to you or the friend/relative helping you travel.

Some providers offer free transport to and from hospital, meaning distance may not be a barrier.

MY CATARACT REFERRAL CHECK LIST

YOUR NAME:.....

OPTICIAN NAME:.....

REFERRAL FOR CATARACT SURGERY

Left eye Right eye Both eyes

My optometrist has discussed my right to choose a cataract surgery provider.

I have discussed my choice of surgery providers/hospitals with my optician, and I have chosen the following provider:

PROVIDER NAME:.....

PROVIDER LOCATION:.....

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