

4 March 2025

Statistics re Doctors in Ophthalmology (Children) Service in the Royal Victoria Hospital

Under Freedom for Information legislation, I want to receive:

- **The average number of doctors in the Ophthalmology (Children) Service in the Royal Victoria Hospital undertaking appointments on Friday 21 February.**

Currently, there are four Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmic Surgeons who provide appointment services in the Royal Victoria Hospital, and regionally throughout Northern Ireland.

In addition, there is one part-time Speciality Doctor in Paediatric Ophthalmology.

- **The number of doctors, both undertaking appointments or any other activity, in the Ophthalmology (Children) Service in the Royal Victoria Hospital on Friday 21 February.**

Number as above.

- **The number of doctors required to meet the appointments in the Ophthalmology (Children) Service in the Royal Victoria Hospital undertaking appointments on Friday 21 February.**

The Royal College of Ophthalmology, Planning Capacity document recommends 7.0 to 8.0 WTE Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmologists for the Paediatric population size in Northern Ireland.

- **The number of times the Ophthalmology (Children) Service in the Royal Victoria Hospital referred patients to the Emergency Eye Clinic for the week commencing 10 February 2025.**

Zero – there were no Paediatric Ophthalmology patients referred from the Paediatric Ophthalmology Service to the Emergency Eye Clinic in the week commencing 10 February 2025.