



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2017-00096 – Toric Intraocular Lenses

1. Does the CCG fund toric intraocular lenses for NHS patients with astigmatism undergoing cataract surgery?

This is not routinely funded. Patients are able to request funding via an Individual Funding Request.

2. If yes to Qu1, please list the criteria under which toric intraocular lenses are available to patients, and please send us copies of any policy documentation.

Policy statement:	Toric Intra-ocular Lenses for Corneal Astigmatism Correction in patients undergoing Cataract Surgery
Status:	Individual Funding Request

Policy Statement

Based on the evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness provided in this document, Toric Intraocular Lenses (IOL) for astigmatism correction in patients undergoing cataract surgery will not be routinely funded. This is due to a lack of quality evidence regarding the long term clinical effectiveness of this procedure. There is some evidence to support a case for clinical effectiveness yet the overall quantity of that evidence is such that there is too great a measure of uncertainty over whether the claims made for treatment can be justified.