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Subject: Ophthalmology RTT Waiting List Data, 2026

REQUEST

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Please provide the number of patients with an incomplete Referral-to-Treatment (RTT) pathway for ophthalmology (NHS Treatment Function Code C_130) at the end of each month from January 2026 to the most recently available month. This corresponds to the 'Part 2' incomplete pathway data in the NHS England RTT data collection.

Request 2 — Subspecialty stratification

Where your trust records or can extract waiting list data stratified by ophthalmological subspecialty, please provide this breakdown for the same time period. A table proforma is provided below to facilitate your response. Subspecialties need not map exactly to those listed — please use whichever categories your trust records, inserting or removing rows as appropriate. If subspecialty-level data are not held or cannot be extracted, please indicate this and provide only the total figures requested above

Ophthalmology subspecialty	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026
Total (all ophthalmology)								
Retina / medical retina								
Vitreoretinal surgery								
Cornea and external eye disease								
Glaucoma								
Paediatric ophthalmology								
Strabismus / squint								
Oculoplastics								

and lacrimal								
Neuro-ophthalmology								
Uveitis								
Cataract / anterior segment								
General ophthalmology / other								

RESPONSE

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RTT Data Specialty 130 Ophthalmology (English patients)

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
S&O	396	371	371	374	342	406	392
STHK	2979	2871	3067	3135	3135	3438	3187
Total	3375	3242	3438	3509	3477	3844	3579

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The Trust can only provide paediatric ophthalmology as a sub specialty

RTT Data Specialty 216 Paediatric Ophthalmology

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
S&O	141	166	207	210	204	239	253
STHK	78	61	100	107	107	77	114
Total	219	227	307	317	311	316	367