



John is a retired police officer who attended with his wife to seek advice regarding cataract surgery in his left eye.

I had previously seen them in 2014, when John lost vision completely in his right eye following a stroke. They remembered that I had told them I would be happy to help at any time in the future.

His left eye cataract presented significant challenges. He has a very small pupil that does not dilate with drops, and as a result he had not undergone a proper fundus examination for the past 24 years, as he reported. In addition, the cataract had become very dense. He had been referred by an experienced optician in 2023 to a cataract surgeon, who declined to proceed with surgery.

This meant that the cataract was both advanced and affecting his only seeing eye, with the added difficulty of a poorly dilating pupil.

I reassured John and his wife that I would do my best to restore his vision, and they placed their full trust in me.

As anticipated, the surgery was technically challenging. However, his visual acuity improved from counting fingers pre-operatively to 6/7.5 unaided within less than two weeks.

He has now returned to his daily life with a great sense of relief and a smile on his face.