

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-122**

12 February 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. What is the maximum number of wet-AMD injections you can facilitate in a week?**

Total in-week injection capacity per week is 423, but this is for a mixture of wAMD (Wet Age related Macular Degeneration), DMO (Diabetic Macular Oedema) and RVO (Retinal Vein Occlusion) patients

**2. A) Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?**

Yes

**B) If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?**

Weekend lists run regularly to maximise capacity, seeing up to 52 patients per day

**C) If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?**

No

**3. A) What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?**

Ten days

**B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?**

Ten days

**4. A) How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?**

Zero. All patients have appointments booked.

**B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?**

Ten days.

**5. A) Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?**

Yes

**B) If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?**

The service is seeking to expand capacity at Weston General Hospital and at our mobile treatment unit

**GENERAL CAPACITY:**

**6. Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners? If so, what?**

No, not applicable

**7. What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?**

wAMD (Wet Age related Macular Degeneration)

DMO (Diabetic Macular Oedema)

RVO (Retinal Vein Occlusion)

Glaucoma

**8. Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?**

This is already in use.

**9. What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?**

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

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Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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