

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-034**

3 February 2022

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. For the 4-month period from September to December 2021, how many patients has your trust treated (using intra-vitreous injections or implants) for each of the following eye conditions:**

- **Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)** - 23
- **Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)** - \*
- **Retinal Vein Occlusion - Central (CRVO) or Branch (BRVO)** - \*
- **Any other eye condition** - 36

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

**2. How many of the following intra-vitreous injections/implants has your trust administered in the four-month period from September to December 2021:**

- **Aflibercept** - 2614
- **Bevacizumab** - 35
- **Brolucizumab** - \*
- **Dexamethasone** - 50
- **Fluocinolone acetonide** - \*
- **Ranibizumab** - 121

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Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

**3. Please provide the number of injections/implants by eye condition for the four-month period from September to December 2021.**

**Number of Injections/Implants: Sep to Dec 2021**

|                        | Eye Conditions |     |     |
|------------------------|----------------|-----|-----|
| Treatment              | wAMD           | DMO | RVO |
| Aflibercept            |                |     |     |
| Bevacizumab            |                |     |     |
| Brolucizumab           |                |     |     |
| Dexamethasone          |                |     |     |
| Fluocinolone acetonide |                |     |     |
| Ranibizumab            |                |     |     |

We do not hold this information; our system does not break this information down to eye condition

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.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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