

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-465

13 June 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

I am enquiring about ophthalmology - specifically the treatment of patients with Wet age-related macular degeneration. When diagnosed, patients require treatment involving regular injections into the eye and repeated OCT scans.

The questions I have are as follows:

1. For patients being treated for wet-AMD, what tariffs do you apply? I am interested to know:

a. Do you use national tariffs for outpatient appointments, scans, and for treatments. If so, which ones do you use? Please provide HRG codes where possible.

Yes - HRG BZ84B

b. If locally negotiated tariffs are used, please provide details of these. If 'bundled' (e.g. include treatments/scans etc), please advise on what is included in the cost. If 'unbundled' (e.g. each element is costed separately), please advise on the locally agreed price for each element

Not applicable

2. NICE guidance advises that patients referred for Wet AMD should start treatment within 14 days of referral. Please could you advise what percentage of Wet AMD patients commence treatment within 14 days of referral at your Trust?

95%

3. What is the average wait to be seen from the point of referral for Wet-AMD at your Trust?

Approximately 7-10 days

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:

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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