

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-900

16 December 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. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you received for wet AMD, diabetic macular oedema and retinal vein occlusion (Anti VEGf services) or perhaps referred to as medical retina?

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you rejected as unsuitable or undeliverable by your Trust?

None

3. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you received, triaged, booked and completed first assessment and treatment within the 2 week RTT advised by NICE and the college of ophthalmologists? We are looking for your Trust performance data against the 14 day standard as a % by month for the periods - 2023/24 and 2024/25

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4. How many patients are currently on a waiting list for an appointment for first

assessment and or treatment? How many have breached the 2 week RTT?

None

5. How many patients are currently on a waiting list for a follow up appointment and treatment? How many of these have waited longer than the requested call back date stated as an outcome of their last assessment? (Ie overdue?) How many are overdue by more than one month? (We exclude from this any patients who have cancelled / DNA'd or are unable to attend an appointment that has been offered)

Currently 609, 30 of which are overdue by one week

6. Which drugs are your preferred for a new patient? Which drugs do you still use for follow-up patients?

We follow the NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board guidelines that can be found on the following link: <https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/formulary-adult/local-guidelines/11-eye-guidelines/>

7. Does your trust follow a see and treat "one stop" clinic format?

Yes

8. Does your trust follow treat and extend protocols where clinically appropriate?

Yes

9. How many patients have you certificated as sight impaired or severely sight impaired in the FYs 2022/23, 2023/24 and year to date due to Wet AMD?

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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.

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
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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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