

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/195

Ophthalmology

Request details

I have a Freedom of Information request regarding Ophthalmology. Could you kindly provide the answers to the questions mentioned below?

1. Within your trust how many intra-vitreous injections/implants of each of the following drugs have been used in the four-month period from January to April 2020:

Abicipar pegol
Aflibercept
Bevacizumab
Brolucizumab
Dexamethasone
Fluocinolone
Ranibizumab

2. If your trust is able to identify intra-vitreous injections/implants by eye condition, please provide the number of injections/implants used from January to April 2020, for each of the following conditions:

Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)

Abicipar pegol
Aflibercept
Bevacizumab
Brolucizumab
Dexamethasone
Fluocinolone
Ranibizumab

Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)

Abicipar pegol
Aflibercept
Bevacizumab
Brolucizumab
Dexamethasone
Fluocinolone
Ranibizumab

Retinal Vein Occlusion - Central (CRVO)

Abicipar pegol
Aflibercept
Bevacizumab
Brolucizumab
Dexamethasone
Fluocinolone

Ranibizumab
Retinal Vein Occlusion - Branch (BRVO)
Abicipar pegol
Aflibercept
Bevacizumab
Brolucizumab
Dexamethasone
Fluocinolone
Ranibizumab

Visual impairment due to choroidal neovascularization secondary to pathologic myopia
(mCNV)

Abicipar pegol
Aflibercept
Bevacizumab
Brolucizumab
Dexamethasone
Fluocinolone
Ranibizumab

Response

Question 1

	January	February	March	April	TOTAL
Abicipar pegol					
Aflibercept	332	264	215	137	948
Bevacizumab	19	6	14	5	44
Brolucizumab					0
Dexamethasone	11	7	10		28
Fluocinolone					0
Ranibizumab	429	361	255	127	1172

Question 2

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.