

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/221
Intra-vitreal Injections or Implants

I am analysing the usage of intra-vitreal injections or implants by the NHS. I would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions:

1. How many of the following intra-vitreal injections/implants has your trust administered in the four-month period from January to April 2022:

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Brolucizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Fluocinolone acetonide
- Ranibizumab

2. Please provide the number of injections/implants by eye condition for the four-month period from January to April 2022.

Number of Injections/Implants: Jan to Apr 2022

	Eye Conditions		
Treatment	Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration wAMD	Diabetic Macular Degeneration DMO	Retinal Vein Occlusion RVO
Aflibercept			
Bevacizumab			
Brolucizumab			
Dexamethasone			
Fluocinolone acetonide			
Ranibizumab			

Response Details

Question 1

Please refer to the below table.

Aflibercept	1848
Bevacizumab	21
Brolucizumab	0
Dexamethasone	33
Fluocinolone Acetonide	3
Ranibizumab	1203

Please note that the above figures are the number of drugs issued to the eye theatres. However, the UHB is unable to confirm that all have been administered.

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.