

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/232**  
**Intra-Vitreal Treatments in Ophthalmology**

**Information Requested:**

**1. How many patients over the last 4 months (January to April 2022) have received the following anti-VEGF treatments for any eye condition:**

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Brolucizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab

**2. For the patients above, how many were new to anti-VEGF therapy? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had any anti-VEGF therapy.**

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Brolucizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab

**3. Please provide the number of patients treated for Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO) ONLY in the last 4 months (January to April 2022) with the following:**

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab

**4. Please provide the number of patients treated for Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO) ONLY in the last 4 months (January to April 2022) with the following:**

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab

## Response Details

### Question 1

Aflibercept	*1848
Brolucizumab	0
Dexamethasone	*33
Ranibizumab	*1203
Bevacizumab	*21

\*Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can advise that this is the number of drugs issued to eye theatres, injection unit and out patients between Jan 2022 and Apr 2022. However, the UHB we cannot confirm that all drugs have been administered.

### Questions 2-4

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 patient 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.