

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/110**  
**Ophthalmology Drugs**

- 1. For the 4 months from September to December 2023, how many patients received the following intra-vitreous treatments for any eye condition:**

The below figures represent the total number of drugs issued from Pharmacy from 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023.

- Aflibercept – 2,498
- Bevacizumab – 20
- Brolucizumab – 0
- Dexamethasone – 57
- Faricimab – 49
- Ranibizumab (Lucentis) – 49
- Ranibizumab (Ongavia) – 682

- 2. For the patients above, how many were new to intra-vitreous treatment? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had received any of these treatments.**

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Brolucizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Faricimab
- Ranibizumab (Lucentis)
- Ranibizumab (Ongavia)

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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') 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.