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Date: 8th February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

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

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

intra-vitreous injections/implants	Number Administered
Aflibercept	1161
Bevacizumab	22
Brolucizumab	19
Dexamethasone	22
Faricimab	N/A
Ranibizumab - Lucentis	411
Ranibizumab - Ongavia	N/A

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

Number of Injections/Implants: September - December 2022			
Treatment	Eye Conditions		
	Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)	Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)	Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
Aflibercept	613	228	309
Bevacizumab	0	<5	<5
Brolucizumab	19	0	0
Dexamethasone	<5	<5	16
Faricimab	0	0	0
Ranibizumab - Lucentis	238	113	81
Ranibizumab - Ongavia	0	0	0

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Almond
 Directorate Manager - Specialist Services

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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