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Response Due: 18th December 2024

Date: 13th December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th November 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you received for wet AMD, diabetic macular oedema and retinal vein occlusion (Anti VEGf services) or perhaps referred to as medical retina?**

2022/23 – 1,132

2023/24 = 1,128

2024/25 to date = 712

- 2. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you rejected as unsuitable or undeliverable by your Trust?**

The Trust does not reject any patients. Patients presenting in a New AMD clinic, but not diagnosed with Wet AMD will either be discharged or triaged to a more appropriate clinic, dependant on their pathology.

- 3. For the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and current YTD, how many referrals have you received, triaged, booked and completed first assessment and treatment within the 2 week RTT advised by NICE and the college of ophthalmologists?**

We are looking for your Trust performance data against the 14 day standard as a % by month for the periods - 2023/24 and 2024/25

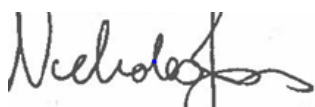
The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not

request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

4. **How many patients are currently on a waiting list for an appointment for first assessment and or treatment ? How many have breached the 2 week RTT?**
0.
5. **How many patients are currently on a waiting list for a follow up appointment and treatment?**
14. All have cancelled or DNA'd an appointment offered.
6. **How many of these have waited longer than the requested call back date stated as an outcome of their last assessment? (ie overdue?) How many are overdue by more than one month? (We exclude from this any patients who have cancelled / DNA'd or are unable to attend an appointment that has been offered)**
0.
7. **Which drugs are your preferred for a new patient?**
Eyelea, Vabysmo and Ximluci.
 - a) **Which drugs do you still use for follow-up patients?**
Eyelea, Vabysmo and Ximluci.
8. **Does your trust follow a see and treat "one stop" clinic format?**
No.
9. **Does your trust follow treat and extend protocols where clinically appropriate?**
Yes.
10. **How many patients have you certificated as sight impaired or severely sight impaired in the FYs 2022/23, 2023/24 and year to date due to Wet AMD?**
2022/23 = 28
2023/24 = 42
2024/25 to date = 24.

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 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Nicholas Jones
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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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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