

## **NHS Foundation Trust**

## **Information Governance Department**

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Response Due: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Date: 17th May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

- 1. How many of the following intra-vitreal injections/implants has your trust administered in the four-month period from January to April 2023:
  - Aflibercept 1327
  - Bevacizumab 20
  - Brolucizumab 19
  - Dexamethasone 23
  - Faricimab 111
  - Fluocinolone acetonide <5
  - Ranibizumab Lucentis 374
  - Ranibizumab Ongavia 0
  - Ranibizumab Byooviz 0
  - Ranibizumab Ximluci 0

2. Please provide the number of injections/implants by eye condition for the four-month period from January to April 2023:

Number of Injections/Implants: January - April 2023

	Eye Conditions		
Treatment	Wet Age- Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)	Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)	Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
Aflibercept	650	306	312
Bevacizumab	0	8	<5
Brolucizumab	19	0	0
Dexamethasone	0	7	16
Faricimab	79	26	0
Ranibizumab	209	78	71

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

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Hendriksen

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## PLEASE NOTE:

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 Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111