

Freedom of Information request 24-17

Request

Within your trust how many intra-vitreous vials/implants have been used in the latest 4 months, if possible between September and December 2016

Please state the number of vials dispensed from your pharmacy in this period, if the number for wet AMD is not known, then regardless of reason for use.

	<i>Lucentis (ranibizumab) Injections</i>	<i>Avastin (bevacizumab) Injections</i>	<i>Eylea (aflibercept) Injections</i>	<i>Illuvien (Fluocinolone) Implants</i>	<i>Ozudex (Dexamethasone) Implants</i>
Total Vials / Implants					
<i>Vials for wet AMD</i>					
<i>Vials for other conditions [DMO, RVO, CNV, Uveitis]</i>					

Does your trust record the time taken from referral of a patient for treatment to the time for an injection or implant to be complete ?

If so what is the average waiting time for treatment with an injection or implant ?

Response

Numbers of injections has been shown May 16 to August 16 for Lucentis and Eylea, but it is unknown whether these were prescribed for wet AMD.

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Total Vials / Implants	137		110		3

This information would be available in a patient's medical record but to retrieve this data would require a manual trawl of all records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the cost limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and we are not required to provide.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **24-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.