

Freedom of Information request 313-18

Request

We refer to the above and request the following information for the Location as at the Relevant Date:-

1. Details of and documents relating to guidance issued to Consultants or Specialist Nurses in relation to the procedures and protocols for Lucentis injections into the eye.
2. Details of and documents relating to procedures in place to limit the risk of infection following Lucentis injections into the eye.
3. Details of and documents relating to the surgical supplies, including protective clothing and equipment used during Lucentis injections into the eye.
4. Confirmation as to whether Consultants or Specialist Nurses are advised to wear face masks when carrying out Lucentis injections into the eye.
5. Details of and document relating to the number of infections recorded following Lucentis injections into the eye for the year prior to the Relevant Date.

Response

- 1-3. Please find attached below documents with guidance for staff and patients relating to intravitreal injection procedures:



INTRAVITREAL
THERAPY Patient info



SOP.pdf

4. Ophthalmologists and Specialist Nurses do not use face masks when carrying out Lucentis injections into the eye.
5. There are no recorded cases of IVT-related infection for the requested period.

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 **313-18** 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.

