

Freedom of Information request 72-21

Request

I am analysing the usage of anti-VEFG treatments for eye conditions. I would greatly appreciate if you could answer three questions:

1. For the 4-month period from September to December 2020, how many patients has your trust treated with the following anti-VEGF treatments:
 - Aflibercept
 - Bevacizumab
 - Brolucizumab
 - Dexamethasone
 - Fluocinolone acetonide
 - Ranibizumab
2. Within your trust how many intra-vitreous injections/implants of each of the following treatments have been used in the four-month period from September to December 2020:
 - Aflibercept
 - Bevacizumab
 - Brolucizumab
 - Dexamethasone
 - Fluocinolone
 - Ranibizumab
3. If your trust is able to identify intra-vitreous injections/implants by eye condition, please provide the number of injections/implants used in the four-month period from September to December 2020 for each of the following conditions:

Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Brolucizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab
- Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)
- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab

Retinal Vein Occlusion - Central (CRVO) or Branch (BRVO)

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Ranibizumab

Response

1. In the 4-month period from September to December 2020, 404 patients have had treatment.
2. In the 4-month period from September to December 2020, 127 patients received Aflibercept and <5 patients received Ranibizumab.
3. This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 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 **72-21** 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.