

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 7375

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to diabetic retinopathy (including DMO).

You asked:

- 1. How many current diabetic retinopathy (including DMO) patients do you have? *
- 2. How many diabetic retinopathy (including DMO) patients do you have that are currently being monitored and held at "wait and see" but not yet progressed to needing any treatments (injections/laser/implant)? *
- 3. How many diabetic retinopathy (including DMO) patients do you have that have received treatment (injections/laser/implants) in the year April 2019-March 2020 inclusive (i.e. pre COVID-19)? *
- 4. How many diabetic retinopathy (including DMO) patients do you have that have received treatment (injections/laser/implants) in the year April 2020-March 2021 inclusive (i.e. during COVID-19)? *
- 5. How many injections (Avastin/bevacizumab, Eylea/aflibercept, Lucentis/ranibizumab) have been used for diabetic retinopathy (including DMO) patients in the year April 2019-March 2020 inclusive (i.e. pre COVID-19)? Please break down by treatment. *
- 6. How many injections (Avastin/bevacizumab, Eylea/aflibercept, Lucentis/ranibizumab) have been used for diabetic retinopathy (including DMO) patients in the year April 2020-March 2021 inclusive (i.e. pre COVID-19)? Please break down by treatment. *

Trust response:

- 1. Currently there is 325 active DMO patients (coming into DMO clinic for treatment/monitoring).
- 2. We are unable to give an exact number on diabetic retinopathy as a whole as the patients can be booked into multiple clinics for diabetic retinopathy.

This information may be held within individual patient records but in order to ascertain this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust is applying Section 12 to this question.

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4. I have been unable to gather the information to respond to this question within a reasonable timeframe. Should you still require a response to this question please contact me and I will continue to chase.

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Short drug name			
for FOI report	Disease Conversion	2021	1920
aflibercept	Macular edema co-occurrent and due to diabetes mellitus (disorder)	1282	869
Ranibizumab	Macular edema co-occurrent and due to diabetes mellitus (disorder)	613	909