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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 high-cost drugs in ophthalmology.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

1. For the 4 months from September to December 2022, how many patients received the following anti-VEGF treatments for any eye condition:

Aflibercept

Bevacizumab

Brolucizumab

Dexamethasone

Faricimab

Ranibizumab - Lucentis

Ranibizumab - Ongavia

2. For the patients above, how many were new to anti-VEGF therapy? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had any anti-VEGF therapy.

Aflibercept

Bevacizumab

Brolucizumab

Dexamethasone

Faricimab

Ranibizumab - Lucentis

Ranibizumab - Ongavia

Trust response:

1. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using

the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foiresponses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Pharmacy dropdown. If the document does not open please copy and paste the link into your browser.

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Pharmacy dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information.

This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

2. The Trust pharmacy system does not hold this information in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.