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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 February 2020 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding ophthalmology. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***Could you kindly provide the answers to the questions mentioned below for Ophthalmology and number of patients treated for the last 12 months with mentioned drugs.***

***1. Within your Trust how many patients over the last 12 months have received treatment with an anti VEGF therapy, who had not previously had anti VEGF therapy?***

Answer: 1843 patients received a first injection in 2019, totalling 2063 injections

***2. How many of these [from question 1] patients have received the following anti VEGF therapy in the last 12 months?***

- ***Ranibizumab***

Year	Patients	Eyes	Injections
2019	251	278	1065
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1065</b>

- **Bevacizumab**

Year	Patients	Eyes	Injections
2019	7	7	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>

- **Aflibercept**

Year	Patients	Eyes	Injections
2019	752	896	4261
<b>Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>4261</b>

- **Fluocinolone**

Answer: None.

- **Dexamethasone**

Answer: None.

**3. Of the patients above, how many were treated for Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)?**

- **Ranibizumab**

Year	Patients	Eyes	Injections
2019	159	185	747
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>747</b>

- **Bevacizumab**

Year	Patients	Eyes	Injections
2019	7	7	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>

- **Aflibercept**

Year	Patients	Eyes	Injections
2019	752	896	4261
<b>Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>4261</b>

- **Fluocinolone**

Answer: None.

- **Dexamethasone**

Answer: None.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington, DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**