



10 December 2024

Our Ref: FOI 391

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Wet AMD**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 26 November 2024.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery & Elective, Maternity & Paediatric Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

- Q1. At the end of every wet AMD injection, what proportion of patients receive an immediate appointment for their next injection versus what proportion have to wait until additional capacity is available (e.g. after 2-3 days)?**
- Q2. Number of wet AMD patients and injections being treated in your Trust over the last three financial years seen (ending March)?**
- Q3. Number of wet AMD patients and injections being outsourced to each private provider (e.g. SpaMedica, NewMedica, Optegra, Practice Plus Group, Circle, Ramsay, Spire, etc.) over the last three financial years (ending March)? Please segment the injections by year and by private provider**

A1-3. In response to questions 1 to 3, Wet AMD treatment is carried out by the Ophthalmology service and this service is not run by the Trust. However the Ophthalmology Service is run by the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (the Belfast Trust). Should you wish to pursue this request please contact the Belfast Trust on publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net