



19 November 2024

Our Ref: FOI 273

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Patients Treated within Ophthalmology**

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 17 October 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. In the last 12 months of data that you have available, how many patients were treated for wet AMD (wet age-related macular degeneration) (ICD-10 Code H35.30) with the following agents:

- A) Bevacizumab**
- B) Faricimab**
- C) Ranibizumab**
- D) Aflibercept**

Q2. If possible to answer, in the last 12 months of data that you have available, how many other ophthalmology patients have you treated with the following agents (please list how many for each agent separately):

- A) Bevacizumab**
- B) Faricimab**
- C) Ranibizumab**
- D) Aflibercept**

A1,2. In response to questions 1 and 2 the Trust can confirm that the category of drugs listed are assigned for Ophthalmology. Ophthalmology is a service that 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