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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by our Freedom of Information team on 19/06/2020.

- 1. Within your Trust, how many patients, in the most recent 12-month period for which data are available, have received anti-VEGF treatment for the first time (i.e., excluding patients who previously had any anti-VEGF therapy)?**

The Trust is unable to provide this information as we do not record this level of detail. To extract this information would require staff to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would exceed 18 hours of work. This exceeds the cost limits for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied.

- 2. Of these first-time patients, please provide a breakdown by the treatments listed below:**

We have provided a breakdown of how many units of treatments were used in the last 12 months. We are unable to determine whether these were first time patients as we do not record this level of detail on our clinical system. Please see table in the attachment below.



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- 3. Of these first-time patients, how many were treated for Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD) by each treatment?**

Aflibercept

Brolucizumab

Dexamethasone

Ranibizumab

All Other anti-VEGF treatments

The Trust is only able to provide information in relation to drug dispensing, we do not record diagnoses on our clinical systems so therefore we are unable to link the type of drug to a diagnosis. Please see table in relation to drug dispensing attached in question 2.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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