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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Dear ,

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Your request sought information relating to intra-vitreous injections.

**1. Within your Health Board how many intra-vitreous injections/implants of each of the following drugs have been used in the four-month period from May-August 2020:**

**Aflibercept** - 645  
**Bevacizumab** - 0  
**Brolucizumab** - 0  
**Dexamethasone** - 63  
**Fluocinolone** - 2  
**Ranibizumab** - 0

**2. If your Health Board is able to identify intra-vitreous injections/implants by eye condition, please provide the number of injections/implants used from May-August 2020, for each of the following conditions: Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD), Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD), Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO), Retinal Vein Occlusion - Central (CRVO), Retinal Vein Occlusion - Branch (BRVO), Visual impairment due to choroidal neovascularization secondary to pathologic myopia (mCNV)**

Please note that we do not hold this information by condition.



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**3. Within your Health Board how many patients have been treated for Uveitis in the four-month period from May to August 2020 with the following:**

Please note that we do not hold this information by condition within the Pharmacy system. All Uveitis patients will be included in the figures for Q1. However, we can identify patients receiving treatment via Homecare for Uveitis, as below;

**Dexamethasone intra-vitreous implants** – We do not hold this information by condition

**Any other anti-VEGF injections/implants** - We do not hold this information by condition

**Infliximab** - 0 patients treated with this drug in Ophthalmology as a whole

**Adalimumab** - <5\* via Homecare

**Tocilizumab** - <5\* via Homecare

\*Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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