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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding anti-VEGF injection

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Within your Trust how many trained and active staff do you have that can administer the anti-VEGF injection [Ranibizumab, Bevacizumab or Aflibercept]?**

A1 UHNM has nine (9) trained and active staff that can administer the anti-VEGF injection [Ranibizumab, Bevacizumab or Aflibercept]

**Q2 Within your Trust how many intra-vitreous injections/implants have been used in the latest 4 months, if possible between September to December 2019**

If your Trust is able to identify injections/implants by eye conditions please split by the drug used [ranibizumab, bevacizumab, aflibercept, Fluocinolone and Dexamethasone],

If you are unable to split by condition then please just indicate the number of times a drug has been used (regardless of condition)

**Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)**

- Ranibizumab
- Bevacizumab
- Aflibercept
- Fluocinolone
- Dexamethasone
- Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)
- Ranibizumab
- Bevacizumab
- Aflibercept
- Fluocinolone
- Dexamethasone
- Retinal Vein Occlusion - Central or Branch (CRVO or BRVO)
- Ranibizumab

- **Bevacizumab**
- **Aflibercept**
- **Fluocinolone**
- **Dexamethasone**
- **Other eg mCNV**
- **Ranibizumab**
- **Bevacizumab**
- **Aflibercept**
- **Fluocinolone**
- **Dexamethasone**

A2 Please see below: Information on Patient condition is unavailable – data given is quantity of product used across Trust in requested date range September 19 to December 19 (inclusive)

We are unable to provide some of the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers.

*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

AFLIBERCEPT!4mg/0.1mL!INJECTION	801
BEVACIZUMAB!1.25mg/0.05mL!INTRAVITREAL INJECTION	59
DEXAMETHASONE 700microgram!INTRAVITREAL IMPLANT	13
FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE!190microgram!INTRAVITREAL IMPL.	<5
RANIBIZUMAB!0.5mg/0.05mL!SYRINGE	1809
RANIBIZUMAB!2.3mg/0.23mL!INJECTION	<5

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

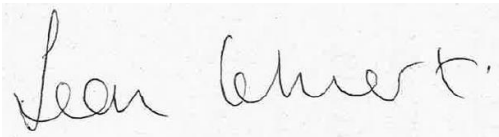
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**