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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th October 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding wet AMD

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**

A1 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

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**

Please answer question 1, even if it is not possible to answer question 2.

A2 UHNM is unable to break this data down by the above, however we can confirm that 12,100 injections were given over the year.

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Yours,

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