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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am enquiring about ophthalmology - specifically the treatment of patients with Wet age-related macular degeneration. When diagnosed, patients require treatment involving regular injections into the eye and repeated OCT scans.

The questions I have are as follows:

- 1) For patients being treated for wet-AMD, what tariffs do you apply? I am interested to know:
- a) Do you use national tariffs for outpatient appointments, scans, and for treatments. If so, which ones do you use? Please provide HRG codes where possible.

We use National Tariff for OCT scans, treatments and outpatient appointments:

	National Tariff - Outpatient First	National Tariff - Day Case	National Tariff - Outpatient Procedure
Outpatient Appointments			
- Ophthalmology	£202		
- Orthoptics	£208		
OCT scans	-	£116	£116
(HRG Code BZ88A based on OPCS code C87.3 Tomography evaluation of retina and ICD code H353 for AMD)			
Treatments:			
- injections	-	£313	£142
(HRG Code BZ86B based on OPCS code C79.4 Injection into vitreous body NEC and ICD code H353 for AMD)			
- photodynamic therapy	-	£741	£167

(HRG Code BZ84B based on OPCS code C88.2 Photodynamic therapy to subretinal lesion and ICD code H353 for AMD)			
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NB The above tariffs include market forces factor of 1.019317 for RNA The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

b) If locally negotiated tariffs are used, please provide details of these. If ‘bundled’ (e.g. include treatments/scans etc), please advise on what is included in the cost. If ‘unbundled’ (e.g. each element is costed separately), please advise on the locally agreed price for each element - Locally negotiated tariffs are not used

2)NICE guidance advises that patients referred for Wet AMD should start treatment within 14 days of referral. Please could you advise what percentage of Wet AMD patients commence treatment within 14 days of referral at your Trust? - - 46.7%

3) What is the average wait to be seen from the point of referral for Wet-AMD at your Trust? - 2.5 weeks

Please note that all patients are offered a procedure date within 14 days but patients may opt to wait longer due to personal circumstances

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

