

Trust Headquarters  
Russell's Hall Hospital  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY1 2HQ

**Ref:** FOI-022025-0001425

**Date:** 11.3.25

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Request

I am researching the usage of high-cost drugs in ophthalmology. Your answers to the following questions will be highly appreciated.

1. For the 4 months from September to December 2024, how many **unique**\* patients received the following intra-vitreous treatments for any eye condition:

Aflibercept  
Bevacizumab  
Brolucizumab  
Dexamethasone  
Faricimab  
Ranibizumab – Lucentis  
Ranibizumab Biosimilar

\*Please count a patient only once for any treatment, regardless of how many injections or implants they may have received

2. For the patients above, how many were new to intra-vitreous treatment? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had received any of these treatments.

Aflibercept  
Bevacizumab  
Brolucizumab  
Dexamethasone  
Faricimab  
Ranibizumab – Lucentis  
Ranibizumab Biosimilar

Response

Q1 - dates used September 2024 to December 2024

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Q1: PT Count</b>	<b>Q2: NEW* PT Count</b>
Aflibercept	301	21
Bevacizumab	0	N/A

<i>Brolucizumab</i>	5	1
<i>Dexamethasone</i>	64	25
<i>Faricimab</i>	667	70
<i>Ranibizumab – Lucentis</i>	1	0
<i>Ranibizumab Biosimilar</i>	175	5

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

Information Governance Manager  
Trust Headquarters  
Russell's Hall Hospital  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY1 2HQ  
Email: [dgft.dpo@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.dpo@nhs.net)

Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**