

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-325

Date 13 June 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. Do you currently operate an eye/ophthalmology department?

Yes

2. If yes to 1, do you provide care to patients with maculopathies, AMD or Naevi?

We provide care for all of the above

3. If yes to 2, how many follow-ups are associated with each of these eye diseases (please breakdown by disease)

- a. Maculopathy
- b. Dry AMD
- c. Wet AMD

As previously discussed, we are unable to provide a breakdown of patients by disease as we do not record this information in this way; therefore we do not hold this information. The Trust's response to your further questions can be found in questions 6 and 7.

4. If yes to 2, do you operate any community clinics, mobile services, or sub contracted community arrangements for the delivery of follow-up appointments to patients with maculopathies, AMD or Naevi?

We operate community clinics and mobile clinics for the treatment of patients receiving anti-VEGF treatment for AMD and other indications

5. If yes to point 4, of the follow-ups in point 2, what is the split of follow up activity for each of these site or sub-contracted arrangements or pathway?

The majority of the follow ups for patients receiving anti-VEGF treatment are followed up in community and mobile sites. The lesser proportions are followed up in Bristol Eye Hospital clinics.

6. The total number of follow-ups within the hospital ophthalmology service?

There were 113563 follow-ups within the ophthalmology service in 2016/17.

7. The number of follow ups being seen in the anti VEGF service (and breakdown of condition if possible).

There were 25689 follow ups being seen in the anti VEGF service in 2016/17. We are unable provide a breakdown of condition as we do not hold this information.

8. A lead contact i.e. service manager within the ophthalmology department would also be helpful if we need to follow up?

Mark Stevens, Performance and Operations Manager.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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