

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.4188.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Intra-vitreous injections/implants
<b>Date of Request:</b>	5 October 2020

**Requested:**

1. Within your trust how many intra-vitreous injections/implants of each of the following drugs have been used in the four-month period from May-August 2020:

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Brolucizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Fluocinolone
- Ranibizumab

2. If your trust is able to identify intra-vitreous injections/implants by eye condition, please provide the number of injections/implants used from May-August 2020, for each of the following conditions:

Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)

Aflibercept  
Becavizumab  
Brolucizumab  
Dexamethasone  
Fluocinolone  
Ranibizumab

Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)

Aflibercept  
Becavizumab  
Dexamethasone  
Fluocinolone  
Ranibizumab

Retinal Vein Occlusion - Central (CRVO) or Branch (BRVO)

Aflibercept  
Becavizumab  
Dexamethasone  
Fluocinolone  
Ranibizumab

Visual impairment due to choroidal neovascularization secondary to pathologic myopia (mCNV)

Aflibercept  
Bevacizumab  
Dexamethasone  
Fluocinolone  
Ranibizumab

3. Within your trust how many patients have been treated for Uveitis in the four-month period from May to August 2020 with the following:

- Dexamethasone intra-vitreous implants
- Any other anti-VEGF injections/implants
- Infliximab
- Adalimumab
- Tocilizumab

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of intra-vitreous injections/implants used for the medications provided, for the period requested

Medication	Number
Aflibercept	1,519
Bevacizumab	0
Brolucizumab	0
Dexamethasone	14
Fluocinolone	1
Ranibizumab	2,157

2. & 3. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with all of the information being requested, the UHB would need to request and undertake a manual search of all patient records for the last four (4) months to identify any information that fulfils your request.

Therefore, the UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information, where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.