

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_49_22

You asked:

I am analysing the usage of **intra-vitreous injections or implants** by the NHS. I would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions:

1. How many of the following intra-vitreous injections/implants has your trust administered in the four-month period from September to December 2021:

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

Please find below a table populated with the data that our Medicines Management system holds, in relation to your request. The data period relates to 1st September 2021 to 31st December 2021.

	Number of Intra-vitreous Injections/Implants
Aflibercept	1689
Bevacizumab	22
Brolucizumab	0
Dexamethasone	10
Fluocinolone acetonide	0
Ranibizumab	36
Total	1757

2. Please provide the number of injections/implants of the following treatments that have been used in the four-month period from September to December 2021 for Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO) ONLY:

- Aflibercept - phakic* eyes
- Aflibercept - pseudophakic** eyes
- Bevacizumab - phakic eyes
- Bevacizumab - pseudophakic eyes
- Dexamethasone - phakic eyes
- Dexamethasone - pseudophakic eyes
- Fluocinolone acetonide - phakic eyes
- Fluocinolone acetonide - pseudophakic eyes
- Ranibizumab - pseudophakic eyes
- Ranibizumab - phakic eyes

**Phakic refers to eyes with the natural lens*

***Pseudophakic eyes have an intraocular lens implanted after removal of the natural lens (cataract surgery)*

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.