



GIG
CYMRU
NHS
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Cwm Taf Morgannwg
University Health Board



Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_79_25

You asked:

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

For the 4 months from September to December 2024, how many **unique*** patients received the following intra-vitreal 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

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The detailed information you require (unique patients) 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.

Medicines Management advises that due to the way Ophthalmology injections are recorded, we are not able to provide the information in the format you require. The data captured on the Medicines Management system is by number of eyes and not for all indications. Therefore, we are unable to confirm the number of unique patients.