

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INTRA-VITREAL INJECTIONS/IMPLANTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to intra-vitreous injections/implants

Question:

- How many of the following intra-vitreous injections/implants has your trust administered in the four-month period from January to April 2026:
 - Aflibercept - Eylea
 - Aflibercept - Biosimilar
 - Bevacizumab
 - Brolucizumab
 - Dexamethasone
 - Faricimab
 - Fluocinolone acetonide
 - Ranibizumab - including all Biosimilars

Answer:

January 2026 - April 2026	
Medicine	Containers Issued (All single units)
Aflibercept - Eylea	3,092
Aflibercept - Biosimilar	1,472
Bevacizumab	0
Brolucizumab	0
Dexamethasone	53
Faricimab	1126
Fluocinolone acetonide	5<
Ranibizumab - including all Biosimilars	20

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records,

the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

Question:

2. Please provide the number of injections/implants by eye condition for the four-month period from January to April 2026:

- Aflibercept - Eylea
- Aflibercept - Biosimilar
- Bevacizumab
- Dexamethasone
- Faricimab
- Fluocinolone acetonide
- Ranibizumab - including all Biosimilars

Answer:

I am advised that we do not hold this information in a centrally extractable format as it is diagnosis specific.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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