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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INTRA-VITREAL INJECTIONS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to intra-vitreial injections.

Question:

- How many of the following intra-vitreial injections/implants has your trust administered in the four-month period from May to August 2026:
 - Afibercept – Eylea only (Any strength: 2mg or 8mg)
 - Afibercept – Eylea 8mg only (21mg/184microlitres solution or 30.1mg/263microlitres solution)
 - Afibercept - Biosimilar (any brand other than Eylea)
 - Bevacizumab
 - Dexamethasone
 - Faricimab
 - Fluocinolone acetonide
 - Ranibizumab - including all Biosimilars

Answer:

May 2026 - August 2026	
Medicine	Containers Issued (All single units)
Afibercept - Eylea	2,390
Afibercept - Biosimilar	2034
Bevacizumab	0
Dexamethasone	46
Faricimab	1001
Fluocinolone acetonide	5<
Ranibizumab - including all Biosimilars	17

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).

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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