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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – OPHTHALMOLOGY PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ophthalmology prescribing.

Question:

- 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 May to August 2026:, how many unique* patients received the following intra-vitreal treatments for any eye condition:

  Aflibercept (Eylea)
  Aflibercept (Eylea 8mg - Eylea HD)
  Aflibercept (Biosimilar, examples include but are not limited to Eydenzelt, Mynzepli or Vgenfli)
  Bevacizumab
  Brolucizumab
  Dexamethasone
  Faricimab
  Ranibizumab
  Fluocinolone acetonide

Answer:

May 2026 - August 2026	
Medicine	**Containers Issued (All single units)**
Aflibercept (Eylea)	2,390
Aflibercept (Eylea 8mg - Eylea HD)	0
Aflibercept (Biosimilar, examples include but are not limited to Eydenzelt, Mynzepli or Vgenfli)	2,034
Bevacizumab	0
Brolucizumab	0
Dexamethasone	46
Faricimab	1,001
Ranibizumab	17
Fluocinolone acetonide	5<

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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