

FOI 2392

10th May 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

In relation to your Ophthalmology services at the hospital trusts.

WET-AMD INJECTIONS:

1. What is the maximum number of wet-AMD injections you can facilitate in a week?
2. A) Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?
B) If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?
C) If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?
3. A) What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?
B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?
4. A) How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?
B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?
5. A) Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?
B) If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?

GENERAL CAPACITY:

6. Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners? If so, what?
7. What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?
8. Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?
9. What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?

Response

Ophthalmology is a visiting service, so we provide the accommodation/nursing support only – we do not schedule or assign consultants.

The Belfast Health & Social Care Trust may hold this information. You may wish to contact them via email to publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net to obtain this information.

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