

FOI REF: 23/329

31st May 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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

1. For the 4 months from January to April 2023, how many patients received the following anti-VEGF treatments for any eye condition:

• Aflibercept	2738
• Bevacizumab	85
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	43
• Faricimab	504
• Ranibizumab	235

2. For the patients above, how many were new to anti-VEGF therapy? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had any anti-VEGF therapy.

• Aflibercept	190
• Bevacizumab	18
• Brolucizumab	0

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- **Dexamethasone** 4
- **Faricimab** 106
- **Ranibizumab** 10

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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