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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 September to December 2023, how many patients received the following intra-vitreous treatments for any eye condition:

• Aflibercept	1279
• Bevacizumab	53
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	36
• Faricimab	532
• Ranibizumab – Lucentis	96
• Ranibizumab – Ongavia	18

2) For the patients above, how many were new to intra-vitreous treatment? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had received any of these treatments.

• Aflibercept	75
• Bevacizumab	10
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	4
• Faricimab	100
• Ranibizumab – Lucentis	1
• Ranibizumab – Ongavia	2

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

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