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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**Please provide the following information relating specifically to the use of Kenalog (triamcinolone) within your Ophthalmology department:**

- 1. The number of Kenalog administrations carried out in Ophthalmology for each of the last three financial years.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust did not centrally record the number of Kenalog administrations carried out in Ophthalmology for each of the last three financial years. In order to respond to this question, we would need to review the last three financial years' worth of operating registers across both the Trust's acute hospital sites, identify which patients had an intravitreal injection in theatre or an anterior vitrectomy, and then check each patient's medical records to establish if the use of triamcinolone was documented. It should also be noted that the Trust would have recorded the drug name only, not the brand name for the drug. Given the high volume of patients who would have been seen by the Ophthalmology department over the last three financial years, it would take Trust staff significantly longer than 18 hours to try and establish if we held, and could report on the information that has been requested. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

- 2. A breakdown of the clinical indications recorded for Kenalog use in Ophthalmology (e.g., uveitis, macular oedema, post operative inflammation), if available.**

Please see the response to question 1.

3. **Any local guidelines, protocols, or clinical policies governing the use of Kenalog in Ophthalmology.**

The Trust has no local guidelines, protocols or clinical policies governing the use of Kenalog in Ophthalmology.

4. **Any recorded adverse events, Datix reports, or safety concerns relating to Kenalog use in Ophthalmology during the same period.**

Not applicable.

5. **The number of vials issued by pharmacy to Ophthalmology for Kenalog in each of the last three financial years, if held.**

Year	Number of Vials
2023	165
2024	180
2025	100

6. **Whether Kenalog (triamcinolone) is listed on the Trust's formulary for Ophthalmology, and if so, any restrictions or criteria for its use.**

Kenalog (triamcinolone) is no longer listed on the Trust's formulary for Ophthalmology.

7. **As Kenalog has been withdrawn from the UK market, please provide any recorded information, internal communications, policies, or decisions relating to:**

- **Whether the Ophthalmology department is continuing to use existing stock.**

The Trust's Ophthalmology department no longer has any Kenalog in stock.

- **Any plans or decisions to discontinue its use.**

The Trust's Ophthalmology department will no longer use Kenalog all the time alternatives licensed for Ophthalmology are available.

- **Any identified or recommended alternative treatments.**

There are alternatives. The Trust's Ophthalmology department currently uses Intracinol.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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