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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:

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

• Aflibercept (Eylea)	618
• Aflibercept (Biosimilars)	564
• Bevacizumab	22
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	51
• Faricimab	1187
• Ranibizumab	41
• Fluocinolone acetonide	0

***Please count a patient only once for any treatment, regardless of how many injections or implants they may have received**

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

• Aflibercept (Eylea)	65
• Aflibercept (Biosimilars)	528
• Bevacizumab	3
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	11
• Faricimab	63
• Ranibizumab	1
• Fluocinolone acetonide	0

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 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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