

## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, 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?  
As we have dedicated facilities at DRI, with 2 injection suites, we can adjust the numbers as needed.
2. A) Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?  
If there is a need to meet demand, we run additional weekend lists.  
  
B) If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?  
We run these lists in our dedicated IVT suites in the Clinic.  
  
C) If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?  
We do not need to use alternative space as we run these lists in our dedicated IVT suites in the Clinic.
3. A) What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?  
We run the dedicated fast track AMD clinics with the capacity adjusted to the demand.  
  
B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?  
We have been running these dedicated clinics for a few years.
4. A) How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?  
  
To meet the demand, these fast track clinic numbers are adjusted to avoid wait for the clinic appointment.  
  
B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?  
Same as in 4 A.
5. A) Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?  
Yes, we have a pool of injectors including medics and AHPs whose services are utilised to increase capacity as per demand.  
  
A dedicated IVT suite is being built at Bassetlaw Eye clinic and is due for completion by the end of March.  
  
B) If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?  
  
Our pool of injectors are available to be posted to IVT lists as needed.  
  
We have 2 IVT suites in DRI and we have additional capacity to run double lists as needed.

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The new IVT suite that is due to be ready in a few weeks will also be available to use through the week

**GENERAL CAPACITY:**

5. Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners? If so, what?  
We are not outsourcing or indorsing any clinical activity.
6. What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?  
General Ophthalmology
7. Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?  
We are not considering a mobile unit.
8. What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?  
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