

## Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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.
2. A breakdown of the clinical indications recorded for Kenalog use in Ophthalmology (e.g., uveitis, macular oedema, post-operative inflammation), if available.
3. Any 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.
5. The number of vials issued by pharmacy to Ophthalmology for Kenalog in each of the last three financial years, if held.
6. Whether Kenalog (triamcinolone) is listed on the Trust's formulary for Ophthalmology, and if so, any restrictions or criteria for its use.
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 As Kenalog has been withdrawn from the UK market, please provide any recorded information, internal communications, policies, or decisions relating to: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,
  - any plans or decisions to discontinue its use, and
  - any identified or recommended alternative treatments.

Thank you for your request for information relating to the use of Kenalog (triamcinolone) within Ophthalmology.

Following consultation with relevant clinical and pharmacy teams, the Trust has determined that responding fully to your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you have requested is not held in a single, centrally reportable format. To provide responses to questions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 would require manual review of multiple clinical records, pharmacy dispensing logs, incident reporting systems and internal correspondence over a three-year period. This would involve extracting and cross-referencing data from individual patient records and departmental systems, which would take in excess of 18 staff hours (the statutory cost limit of £450).

The Trust is therefore refusing this request under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Advice and assistance (Section 16)

In line with our duty to provide advice and assistance, you may wish to consider refining your request to bring it within the cost limit. For example, you could:

- Request pharmacy-issued vial numbers only
- Request copies of any current Ophthalmology guidelines or formulary status only
- Exclude adverse events or clinical indication breakdowns, which require manual case review

If you would like to submit a revised request, please let us know and we will be happy to assist.

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If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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