



St Helens and Knowsley
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

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Subject: intra-vitreous vials/implants

REQUEST

Within your trust how many intra-vitreous vials/implants have been used in the latest 4 months, if possible between September and December 2016

Please state the number of vials dispensed from your pharmacy in this period, if the number for wet AMD is not known, then regardless of reason for use.

	<i>Lucentis (ranibizumab) Injections</i>	<i>Avastin (bevacizumab) Injections</i>	<i>Eylea (afibercept) Injections</i>	<i>Illuvien (Fluocinolone) Implants</i>	<i>Ozudex (Dexamethasone) Implants</i>
Total Vials / Implants					
<i>Vials for wet AMD</i>					
<i>Vials for other conditions [DMO, RVO, CNV, Uveitis]</i>					

Does your trust record the time taken from referral of a patient for treatment to the time for an injection or implant to be complete ?

If so what is the average waiting time for treatment with an injection of implant ?

RESPONSE

The pharmacy system cannot record the indication why a drug has been issued.

Total number of issues shown in the table below for the period 1st September 2016 – 31st December 2016:

	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
AFLIBERCEPT SOLUTION 40 mg/1ml Intravitreal Injection 0.1 mL Vial	99	128	102	109
BEVACIZUMAB (INTRAVITREAL) 5 mg/0.2ml Injection 1 syringe Pack	0	3	0	2
DEXAMETHASONE 700 microgram Intravitreal Implant 1 syringe Pack	3	4	3	2
RANIBIZUMAB 1.65 mg/0.165ml Pre-filled syringe 0.165 mL Pre-filled Syringe	129	144	118	96
RANIBIZUMAB 10 mg in 1mL Solution 0.3 mL Vial	0	0	0	7

Q2: We do not formally record the time taken from first referral to first injection, however this information is readily accessible from hospital notes if required (e.g. for audit purposes). Not all new referrals end up requiring injections.

Q3: The average waiting time for a new pt (deemed to benefit from injections) to actually receive their first injection is one week.