

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-096

Request:

WET-AMD INJECTIONS:

1. What is the maximum number of wet-AMD injections you can facilitate in a week?
2. Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?
 - a. If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?
 - b. If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?
3. What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?
 - a. What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?
4. How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?
 - a. What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?
5. Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?
 - a. If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?

GENERAL CAPACITY:

6. Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners?
 - a. If so, what?
7. What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?
8. Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?
9. What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

Please note that EKHUFT only see the patients at their first visit, they are transferred to Community AMD services

1. 150 per week
2. No
3. Eight days for new patients
 - a. Sixteen days

4. 53 new patients
 - a. Please see answer to question 3a
5. No
6. No
7. Information not recorded
8. The FOI Act applies to recorded information, therefore EKHFT declines to provide a response to this question
9. The lead for Ophthalmology is available via the switchboard on 01227 766877. They have declined to provide their name.

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