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**7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

### **WET-AMD INJECTIONS:**

1. **What is the maximum number of wet-AMD injections you can facilitate in a week?**  
196
2. **a) Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?**  
Yes, occasionally.  
**b) If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?**  
By additional sessions undertaken by current staff.  
**c) If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?**  
Theatres as a sterile environment.
3. **a) What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?**  
Whichever timeframe is identified by the clinician. We have no patients waiting longer than what is specified by the clinical team.  
**b) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?**  
As above – We don't allow any WET-AMD injection patients wait longer than specified.
4. **a) How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?**  
17 patients waiting over the next 3 weeks, all patients will be booked within the timeframe specified by the clinician.  
**b) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?**  
As above -any patients waiting are booked within the specified timeframe.

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5. a) **Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?**

Yes

b) **If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?**

Utilise theatre space as a sterile environment. We have had an establishment increase of an additional nurse injector also.

#### **GENERAL CAPACITY:**

6. **Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners? If so, what?**

No.

7. **What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?**

Macular.

8. **Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?**

Unsure at this moment in time - would need time to review & assess.

9. **What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?**

Names, job titles (other than that of the board of directors) and email addresses constitute personal data.

Section 40(2) provides that personal data is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. In our view, disclosure of this information would breach the data protection principles contained in the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Act 2018

In reaching this decision, we have particularly considered:

- The reasonable expectations of the employees given their positions; Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust considered that none of the individuals would have a reasonable expectation that their personal data would be disclosed;
- The consequences of disclosure; and
- any legitimate public interest in disclosure.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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