

**FOI 011510 Degeneration of Macula and Posterior Pole 01/04/2012 - 31/03/2013**

**Question 2/2A**

**2. How many new suspected wet age related macular degeneration patients have been referred into the Trust within the past financial year (2012-2013)?**

**2 a) Of those patients, how many were referred using the rapid referral scheme? If known, how were the other patients referred?**

Calculating referrals is not possible in this regard as we do not have a coded diagnosis in referrals data.

Please find below data concerning patients diagnosed with 'Degeneration of macula and posterior pole' on the first episode as a main diagnosis.

**Diagnosis H353. Degeneration of Macula and Posterior Pole. Episode 1. Primary diagnosis. 01/04/2012 - 31/03/2013**

	2012							2013			Grand Total		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Count	55	113	93	114	103	74	109	104	89	116	91	90	1151

One patient is often admitted several times with this diagnosis and on a regular basis such that, of the 1151 records above there are only 302 distinct patients within the time period

As the above data is not referrals based we cannot provide the number of these via the rapid referral scheme.

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011510**

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 05/07/2013 in connection with 'Macular Degeneration'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner**

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Please find the responses to your request attached and below

**1. Does the trust ensure that primary care professionals such as GPs and optometrists use a rapid referred scheme to make sure that suspected wet age related macular denegation (w AMD) patients are seen by a consultant led team rapidly, ideally within one week, after presenting to a health care professional as recommended by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists? Wet AMD is an eye condition. Please provide a copy of the rapid referral form.**

The Trust's rapid referral scheme agreed with the Local Optometric Committee and the then Primary Care Trust (now Clinical Commissioning Group) is a faxed referral which is reviewed and triaged by the AMD Lead. We do not use a specific rapid referral form.

**2. How many new suspected wet age related macular degeneration patients have been referred into the trust within the past financial year (2012-2013)?**

**a) Of those patients, how many were referred using the rapid referral scheme? If known, how were the other patients referred?**

Please find the responses to questions 2 and 2a attached

**3. Please provide a copy of the referral to treatment times for wet age related macular denegation patients (and only those patients) for the financial year of 2012-2013. If possible please provide time from identification of eye condition in primary care to diagnosis in secondary care and from diagnosis to treatment. Please provide all information that you have available on this point - i.e. not just the average wait.**

The RTT in its current format does not support the identification of the diagnosis responsible for the RTT pathway so we will be unable to provide this data.

**4. Please provide the name of the Patient Administration System/s (PAS) used in your trusts' ophthalmology department/s. An example of a PAS is "System C". If there is more than one system in place in different ophthalmology departments then please state what they are.**

As well as Oasis PAS, Ophthalmology uses the Lucentis system to record eye tests/injections data.

**a) Is the PAS system able to identify when patient's appointments have been delayed?**

Oasis PAS shows cancellations, DNAs (did not attend) and patients booked onto the system.