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Date: 20/05/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Please provide the information below in relation to your Ophthalmology Services at your Trust.

Response

<u>WET-AMD INJECTIONS:</u>	
1. What is the maximum number of wet-AMD injections you can facilitate in a week?	136 excluding extra capacity
2. A) Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?	We do at times run additional lists but not out of hours.
B) If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?	We do at times run additional lists but not out of hours
C) If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?	No, we use the same space
3. A) What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?	1-2 weeks from clinic appt
B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?	1-2 weeks from clinic appt

<p>4. A) How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?</p>	<p>317</p>
<p>B) What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?</p>	<p>300</p>
<p>5.A) Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>B) If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?</p>	<p>Picking up vacant sessions from other specialties and running weekend lists if required, increasing current patient numbers per list. There is a current proposal to look at employing another nurse injector in the near future to deal with increased demand. Potential of a one stop clinic being looked into as to the art of the possible</p>

<p>GENERAL CAPACITY:</p>	
<p>6. Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners? If so, what?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>7. What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?</p>	<p>Apologies, we cannot answer that part as we don't code outpatient activity unless a surgical related procedure takes place.</p>
<p>8. Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?</p>	<p>Yes, dependant on terms</p>
<p>9. What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?</p>	<p>Mr Randeep Sharma - Clinical Service Lead, Stephen Randle - Directorate Manager</p> <p>The Trust currently has the circa of 5000 staff and the release of their email addresses could potentially expose the Trust to spam/phishing attacks and therefore comprise the Trusts network. In view of this we feel this information is exempt for release under section 31 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act as</p>

	<p>the disclosure of the information would be likely prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.</p> <p>To see a structure of the Board of Directors and the areas they cover please go to Board structure - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (dgft.nhs.uk)</p>
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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