

# Request title: Ophthalmology, Diabetic Maculopathy

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request and reply

Could you tell me. In the 12 months to 1st March 2016:

How many patients have been referred for treatment for diabetic maculopathy?

In the above mentioned timeframe a total of 778 new patients have been seen in the medical retinal and diabetic consultant clinics. There is no specific clinic just for new diabetic maculopathy patients and therefore it is not possible for the Ophthalmology department to specify exactly how many of these patients were referred specifically for diabetic maculopathy.

How many patients with diabetic maculopathy have breached the referral to treatment time?

None.

How long is the longest wait?

The maximum wait for a first outpatient appointment is 8 weeks. Clinically urgent patients are booked sooner.

How many patients have been referred for treatment for Wet AMD?

In the above mentioned timeframe a total of 918 new patients have been seen in the macular clinics. There is no specific clinic for new WAMD patients and therefore it is not possible for the Ophthalmology department to specify exactly how many of these patients were referred specifically for WAMD.

How many patients with Wet AMD have breached the referral to treatment target?

None

How long is the longest wait?

The maximum wait for a first outpatient appointment is 8 weeks. Clinically urgent patients are booked sooner. The maximum wait for anti-VEGF treatment is one week.

How many patients with either condition have recorded loss of sight before reaching secondary care?

It is not possible to answer this question without conducting a notes review of the above mentioned 918 new patients which would take in excess of 18 hours which is the appropriate limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to retrieve the above information (see section 12(1)).