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## **Statistics on Injection Patient Appointments at Macular Department, Mater Hospital**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I ask how many injection patient appointments the Macular Department at the Mater Hospital, Belfast has serviced in the last year**

At that Mater Hospital Belfast, a total of 16,479 injections have been delivered between January 2024 and January 2025.

**How many of these injection appointments were administered at the correct timescale of 28 days**

Injection schedules can be 4 weeks, 6 weeks, 8 weeks or 12 weeks.

Unfortunately, due to the implementation of Encompass, this information is not readily available and it would take more than 18 hours to collate manually.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

A report is being developed that will allow the Trust to report on these figures in the coming months.