

ND ref. **FOI/16/514**

***Freedom of Information***

Thank you for your 10/03/17 request for the following information, this follows our response to FOI-16-451 sent to you on 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

*Implementation of NICE Technology Appraisal Guidance (TAG)*

*This request relates to our work around preventing avoidable sight loss.*

*Please note that this request relates to secondary care ophthalmology services of your NHS Foundation Trust.*

*Many thanks in advance for your assistance.*

*1. Access to NICE approved treatments in ophthalmology*

*Is the treatment listed below routinely available to patients according to its NICE TAG? Please could you respond with a yes or no answer. Confirmation means that patients do not have to use Individual Funding Requests to access this treatment.*

*Aflibercept for treating visual impairment caused by macular oedema after **branch retinal vein occlusion** [TA409]. Yes/No.*

Answer: Yes.

*2. Commissioning policies*

*Please could you send RNIB your commissioning policy for cataract surgery. Please indicate the review date of this policy.*

Answer: Under the terms of our contract, we are subject to the commissioning policies of our various commissioners. Commissioning policies are not therefore, our policies, but rather the policies of each CCG.

We would advise that you raise this with Northern Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NEW Devon CCG). You can contact the Freedom of Information Lead at the following email address:

[d-ccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:d-ccg.foi@nhs.net)

or alternatively write to the Freedom of Information Lead at the following address:

NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG  
Corporate Office, Newcourt House, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7JU

We have attached a link to their commissioning policy for cataract surgery.

<http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/medicines-and-treatments/commissioning-policies/surgery/100391>

*Link to the NICE guideline on Aflibercept for treating visual impairment caused by macular oedema after branch retinal vein occlusion: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta409>*