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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4137**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 28th November 2019.

Your request was as follows:

1. Does your Trust have an Anticoagulant Service for

a) In-patients and out-patients

No

b) In-patients only

No

c) Outpatient only

No

How many inpatient beds does your Trust have (at each site if more than 1 site)?

192 Beds

a) How many sites do you inpatient dose (if applicable)?

N/A

Who doses VKA for your inpatient population?

a) Doctors

b) Advanced nurse practitioners



c) Biomedical Scientists

d) Clinical Nurse Specialists - if so are they nurse prescribers?

e) Pharmacists - If so are they prescribers?

f) Other - free text box

If a patient required this treatment it would be a doctor prescribing it.

How many individuals who are not doctors perform this role in the groups specified above

N/A

If you dose warfarin for out-patients, how many warfarin patients do you currently dose?

N/A

Which dosing software do you use - free text

N/A

Does your Trust run nurse led Anticoagulation clinics?

No

If there are no nurse led clinics, who is responsible for management of patients taking VKA within your trust

N/A

8. Who completes your VTE Risk assessments?

a. Ward doctors

b. Nurses

c. Pharmacists

d. ANP

e. Other - Please specify

Nurses

What is your current VTE Risk assessment compliance rate?

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

"(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)-



(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment..."

The information you have requested is published in on the NHS Improvement website, please use the following link:  
<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/venous-thromboembolism-vte-risk-assessment-201920/>

As a result, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4137 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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