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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4175

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 06th January 2020.

Your request was as follows:

- Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your Trust

If so:

- What date was this protocol put into place
- When is it due for review

Yes here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) we do have a VTE policy. The latest version has been in place since 2015 and it is near the end of a review. There are a number of recommendations from National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) which have had to be considered given the specialised nature of our patients.

- Is there a preferred Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or are all utilised within the trust for VTE

The WCFT follow Pan Mersey formulary which at the current time does not specify a preferred option of DOAC; so all are used.

- How many patients have been treated for VTE with a DOAC in the last 12 months

Due to the minimal number of patients identified, further information relating to a specific body part and the foreign object used will not be released under Section 40(3)(a)(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as releasing this information may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality; compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and by virtue of the exemptions contained in section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the Trust believes that providing the information would be in breach of the Principle (B) of GDPR as well as provisions under Chapter III regarding individuals' rights.

- What volume of each DOAC was used to Treat in this same time period

N/A

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4175 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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