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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5086**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 04th March 2022.

Your request was as follows:

Acute management of Venous thromboembolism:

1.  Confirm whether the Trust routinely prescribes direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) in preference to low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) and warfarin for the management of standard acute venous thromboembolism (VTE)?
2.  Please provide a copy of the Trusts' management policy on management of acute venous thromboembolism (VTE).
3.  Does the Trust provide all patients with an unprovoked VTE a medical opinion from a thrombosis physician?
4.  Does the Trust definition of an 'unprovoked VTE' include women using the combined oral contraceptive pill or hormone replacement therapy (HRT)?
5.  Do investigations after an unprovoked VTE follow NICE guidance?
6.  Per week, how many clinics are devoted to seeing patients with VTE in the Trust?
7.  How many full-time equivalents are employed by the Trust to provide thromboprophylaxis and care of thrombosis patients from?
  - a.  Nursing
  - b.  Pharmacists
  - c.  Medical

1. No - our standard practice is Low Molecular weight heparin, unless a haematology opinion is required.
2. Please see attached.
3. The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not treat unprovoked VTE, therefore we cannot provide this information.



- 4. N/A
- 5. N/A
- 6. N/A
- 7. N/A

Thromboprophylaxis:

- 8.  Does the Trust routinely meet the 95% VTE Risk Assessment level required by NHS England?
- 9.  Please provide the monthly percentage (admissions numbers/VTE risk assessments carried out) for VTE risk assessments carried across the Trust between 1st October 2021 - 31 December 2022.
- 10.  Does the Trust have dedicated funding for a team ensuring VTE prevention occurs?

8. The WCFT does routinely meet the 95% VTE Risk Assessment level.

9. Please see below for VTE 24hr risk assessments:

- 01/10/2021 99.2%
- 01/11/2021 99.2%
- 01/12/2021 97.3%
- 01/01/2022 99.0%
- 01/02/2022 97.4%
- 01/03/2022 100.0%

10. The WCFT does not have dedicated funding for a team ensuring VTE prevention.

COVID-19:

11.  Please provide a copy of the Trust's thromboprophylaxis protocols used to treat in-patients with COVID-19 pneumonia.

11. Please see attached.

Psychological care:

- 12.  Do VTE patients within the Trust have access to clinical psychological support?
- 13.  How many sessions per week are provided by the Trust for VTE clinical psychological support?

12. Patients within the WCFT do not have access to clinical psychological support.

13. N/A

Cancer-associated VTE:

- 14.  Does the Trust have a dedicated clinical lead for cancer associated thrombosis (CAT)?

15.  Does a protocol exist for managing VTE in those with cancer?

16.  Please provide a copy of the Trusts' protocol for managing VTE in those with cancer.

14. The WCFT do not have a dedicated clinical lead for cancer associated thrombosis.

15. The WCFT do not have a protocol for managing VTE in those with cancer.

16. N/A

VTE prevention and management in the community:

17.  Please provide copies of VTE care pathways developed to support community clinicians with regards to:

(i) Anticoagulation medication changes

(ii) Anticoagulation dosing.

18.  Does the Trust have specific VTE guidance for:

(i) System wide protocols?

(ii) E-consultation facilities?

(iii) On call clinician to discuss problems and seek advice from?

19.  Please provide copies of the Trust's protocol documents for VTE prevention and management in

(i) System wide protocols

(ii) E-consultation facilities

(iii) On call clinician to discuss problems and seek advice from

17. N/A

18. The WCFT do not have specific VTE guidance for the above.

19. Same as above

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

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5086 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

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