

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your Trust?
The Trust has a risk assessment tool but not a specific protocol. VTE risk assessment is mentioned in the Trusts Clinical Risk Assessment Procedure (CLPG28) and the Clinical Guideline on Physical Healthcare (CG55). The Trust has a Clinical Guideline for the Management of Patients on Anticoagulants (CG83) however please note that this is focused on the medicines not the indication and is not specific to VTE.

The Trust believes that these Policies are available on its public website and is therefore unable to provide you with this information direct as the Freedom of Information Act prohibits the re-release of information that is already published within the public domain. The Trust is therefore applying Section 21 Exemption (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

However in an effort to be helpful we can provide you with the link on where to locate the Policies you have requested: <https://eput.nhs.uk/publication-documents/>
 2. If so:
 - a. What date was this protocol put into place
Please see response to Question 1
 - b. When is it due for review
Please see response to Question 1
 3. Is there a preferred Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or are all utilised within the trust for VTE
No.
 4. How many patients have been treated for VTE with a DOAC in the last 12 months
The Trust does not collect data on the number of patients prescribed a DOAC for VTE
 5. What volume of each DOAC was used to Treat in this same time period
Usage data relates to all indications not just treatment of VTE as the Trust only has the total volume used:

Apixaban	5,920 DDDs
Rivaroxaban	5,310 DDDs
Edoxaban	1,015 DDDs
Dabigatran	469 DDDs
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Applied exemption

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

- (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, and
 - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Publication Scheme:

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