

Ref: FOI2016/3137
Date Received: 30th March 2016
Response Due: 27th April 2016

18th April 2016

Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

On behalf of the All-Party Parliamentary Thrombosis Group, please find below a Freedom of Information request on venous thromboembolism (VTE). I would be grateful if you could answer these questions within the timeframe specified by the Freedom of Information Act (2000).*

1. *Of the patients who were admitted to your Trust for VTE which occurred outside of a secondary care setting between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015, how many had a previous inpatient stay in your Trust up to 90 days prior to their admission? Of those patients, how many had their VTE risk status recorded in their discharge summary?*

91 patients were admitted who had a previous inpatient stay. We are not able to report how many of these had their VTE status recorded in their discharge summary as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment for patients we do not ask staff to search them in order to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

2. *Please describe how your Trust displays a patient's VTE risk status in its discharge summaries.*

Our Trust has an electronic discharge summary that should be completed within 24 hours of a patient being discharged. This has free text space for doctors to mention any ongoing medical problems including VTE risk.

The discharge summary also lists the medication a patient is discharged on and the duration this should be for and whether the GP is meant to continue the medication. Therefore if a patient requires extended VTE prophylaxis (e.g. after hip or knee surgery) it will be stated in this section along with what medication they are taking and how many weeks the hospital want the patient to continue the medication for.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Chairman: Robert Armstrong
Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster

Chief Executive

PLEASE NOTE:

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other reuse, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder. You must ensure you gain their permission before reproducing any third party information.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, WrightingtonHospital, Hall Lane, AppleyBridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Chairman: Robert Armstrong

Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE