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Response Due: 31st July 2025

Date: 29th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- Please provide the total number of patients treated where wound care represented the primary reason for admission, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25. If available, please provide a breakdown of inpatients compared to outpatients/community visits.**
Please see the below number of district nursing referrals with the referral reason of 'Wound Care', the data was not collected in this format prior to 2023/24 therefore this information is not available.

2023/24 = 3,246 referrals.
2024/25 = 4,988 referrals.
- Please provide the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff delivering wound care services within your organisation, broken down by professional role (e.g. community nurse, tissue viability nurse, podiatrist), in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25**
This information is not available for community nursing and podiatry staff due to it not being recorded in this format.
- Please provide the number of Tissue Viability Nurses (TVNs) employed by your Trust, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25**
Tissue Viability Nurses = 3.88 WTE for all years.
- What is the average waiting time for an initial wound care assessment in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25?**

The Trust does not currently hold this information for community nursing or podiatry, therefore is unable to provide this data as it is not centrally recorded, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

5. What is the average waiting time for a referral to a specialist tissue viability nurse in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25?

Specialist Services (community) states 2 weeks for non-urgent and 2 working days for urgent referrals. The wait time is presently around 4-6 weeks due to capacity in the team. The current wait time for acute patients is approximately 7 days. The Trust does not hold this information for previous years.

6. Please provide the total number of patients referred from A&E or minor injury/urgent care units to any form of wound care service, in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25. Please provide the total number of A&E and minor injury/urgent care unit admissions in each financial year for comparison.

The Trust does not currently hold this information for Community Nursing to show specific referrals from A&E or minor injuries. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data 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 of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

7. If available, please provide a breakdown of the nature of wounds or conditions most commonly referred to wound care services (e.g. pressure ulcers, leg ulcers, post-operative wounds, diabetic foot ulcers, traumatic wounds).

This information is not available.

8. Please provide total spend on wound management dressings via Part IXA of the drug tariff (see link below), in the financial years i) 2021-22, ii) 2022-23, iii) 2023-24, iv) 2024-25.

<https://www.drugtariff.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/#/00726198-DD/DD00726112/Part%20IXA-%20Wound%20Management%20Dressings>

2021/22 = £516,306.49.

2022/23 = £572,243.43.

2023/24 = £605,530.28.

2024/25 = £733,300.66.

The above information is based on NHS Supply Chain and direct spend. All NHS Supply Chain spend is excluding VAT.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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