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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 6 January/ 2020 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the venous thromboembolism protocol. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please can I request any information that is available for the below questions:

1. Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your Trust

Answer: Yes

If so:

2. What date was this protocol put into place.

Answer: The protocol was originally put in place in October 2011. This is reviewed on a 2-3 year basis. The latest protocol was approved in December 2018

3. When is it due for review

Answer: This is due for review in December 2021

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

Answer: The Trust has all DOACs available on the formulary. The VTE policy and ambulatory DVT pathway recommend DOACs but do not recommend any specific agent.

It is worth noting that the County Durham and Tees Valley Area prescribing committee has approved a DVT pathway for primary care containing Rivaroxaban as the first choice DOAC for DVT treatment. This pathway is used within parts of the trust that provide primary care services (Urgent care).

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

Answer: We are unable to differentiate the patients treated for VTE from other indications for use of DOACs therefore cannot provide this information

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

Answer: We are unable to differentiate the patients treated for VTE from other indications for use of DOACs therefore cannot provide this information

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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