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Our Ref: FOI/04047

Thank you for your request concerning Venous Thromboembolism.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 1. Does the Trust have a venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment policy for hospitalised psychiatric patients as indicated in the NICE guideline [NG89]?**

Yes we do.

- 2. If the Trust has a VTE Risk Assessment policy, please can you provide a copy of the Trust's policy that is used for hospitalised psychiatric patients as per NICE Guidance NG89: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89>**

Please see attached our Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis Policy.

- 3. Does the Trust have a VTE Risk Assessment tool that is used when assessing VTE risk in hospitalised psychiatric patients?**

Yes we do.

- 4. If the Trust has a VTE risk assessment tool, please can you provide a copy of the VTE risk assessment tool that is used when assessing VTE risk in hospitalised psychiatric patients, as per NICE Guidance NG89: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89/chapter/Recommendations#risk-assessment>.**

Please see attached policy.

- 5. Does the Trust have a policy for monitoring venous thromboembolism (VTE) events in hospitalised psychiatric patients and in psychiatric patients for up to 90 days post discharge?**

No.

- 6. If the Trust has a policy for monitoring venous thromboembolism (VTE) events in hospitalised psychiatric patients and in psychiatric patients for up to 90 days post discharge. Please can you provide a copy.**

Not applicable.



7. Please can you provide the number of VTE diagnosis in hospitalised psychiatric patients including those diagnosed with a VTE within 90 days of discharge between February 2016 – February 2021.

Under the International Classification of Diseases ICD-10 clinical coding there is not a generic code for venous embolism as it depends on where it is in the body. However under S16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we have checked for any services users coded with the ICD10 Code of i82.9 which covers “other venous embolism and thrombosis” and I can confirm there are no services users identified with this coding/diagnosis.

However, we can confirm that we are aware of some of service users having a VTE diagnosis but this information is not held in a reportable format.

In order for us to provide this information would involve us manually going through every single service users records from 2016 to 2021 and we do not believe reading through individuals medical records for the purpose of a FOI request would be in line with the GDPR Data Protection Principles or the Caldicott Principles. Therefore we have applied exemption S12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

In order for us to provide this information would involve us manually going through every single service users records from 2016 to 2021 (in excess of 50,000 records). At a conservative estimate of 15 mins per record, this would equate to a minimum of 187,500 hours work. Therefore we have applied exemption S12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

In addition, we do not believe reading through individuals medical records for the purpose of a FOI request would be in line with the GDPR Data Protection Principles or the Caldicott Principles.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust’s complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

