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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Thromboprophylaxis

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Thromboprophylaxis

1. Does the Trust routinely meet the 95% VTE Risk Assessment level required by NHS England?

A1 Monthly point prevalence “Safety Thermometer” audits show that consistently more than 97% of patients had a VTE assessment completed, however this audit does not take into account assessment timing, therefore it is not known what proportion of assessments were done “on admission”, as required by the NHS England standard.

A new audit system is being currently being rolled out across the Trust, and from the initial audits completed, 96% of patients had a VTE assessment completed within 12 hours of admission

Q2 Please provide the monthly percentage (admissions numbers/VTE risk assessments carried out) for VTE risk assessments carried across the Trust between 1st January 2022 – 31 December 2022.

A2 As VTE assessments are currently recorded on paper at UHNM, the Trust does not have a system capable of accurately capturing VTE risk assessment details for all patients admitted.

The 2022-23 NHS contract only requires a sample of 100 patients per quarter for the national data collection, although this is currently paused.

Q3 Does the Trust have dedicated funding for a team ensuring VTE prevention occurs?



A3 VTE prevention depends on staff across the Trust; however a multidisciplinary VTE steering group meets bi-monthly to ensure the Trust keeps up to date with the latest national guidance and best practice. A nurse within the corporate Quality & Safety Team has VTE prevention as part of their portfolio

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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