



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-586

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding VTE

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 How many patients in your Trust had SNOMED CT code Venous Thromboembolic Disease: 429098002, included in their patient record during A) 2021, B) 2022, C) 2023.**

A1 Information not held: we do not use SNOMED coding, we use ICD10 and OPCS clinical coding.

**Q2 Does your Trust use the National Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment tool? If no, does your Trust have its own risk assessment tool?**

A2 The Trust uses an adaptation of the National VTE risk assessment tool for all inpatients 16 years and over

**Q3 Who is responsible for the implementation of your Trust's VTE risk assessment tool?**

A3 The VTE risk assessment has recently been amended and was implemented by the Quality and Safety Team and Pharmacy; as the risk assessment is held within the prescription chart

**Q4 What training do you have in place to ensure the adoption of the VTE risk assessment tool in clinical practice?**

A4 See below:

Training video and bespoke ward based training was delivered with the implementation of the latest tool  
Communications and emails were cascaded to all prescribers  
FY1 training on VTE risk assessment carried out bi-annually  
QR code with link to new assessment and changes made

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,



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