

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-728**

17 December 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. Does your Trust have an Anticoagulant Service for :
  - a. In-patients and out-patients – No.
  - b. In-patients only – No.
  - c. Outpatient only – Yes.
  
2. How many inpatient beds does your Trust have (at each site if more than 1 site)?  
Please see attached spreadsheet.
  - a. How many sites do you inpatient dose (if applicable)? – N/A.
  
3. Who doses VKA for your inpatient population?
  - a. Doctors ✓
  - b. Advanced nurse practitioners ✓
  - c. Biomedical Scientists
  - d. Clinical Nurse Specialists – if so are they nurse prescribers?
  - e. Pharmacists - If so are they prescribers?
  - f. Other – free text box
  
4. How many individuals who are not doctors perform this role in the groups specified above?  
8 members of staff.
  
5. If you dose warfarin for out-patients, how many warfarin patients do you currently dose?
  - a. Which dosing software do you use?  
The Trust currently doses warfarin for 952 outpatients and uses the RAID dosing software.
  
6. Does your Trust run nurse led Anticoagulation clinics?  
The Trust's has a nurse led VTE clinic where thrombosis nurses perform scans and initiate anticoagulants under PGD (Patient Group Directions) for patients with VTE.

The anticoagulation pharmacists run an outpatient clinic for one-off warfarin counselling for newly initiated patients that we manage with warfarin for any indication, unless they have already seen the thrombosis nurses.

7. If there are no nurse led clinics, who is responsible for management of patients taking VKA within your trust.

Anticoagulation pharmacists are responsible for managing outpatients taking VKA. Warfarin for inpatients is managed by the ward teams and dosed by doctors/ nurse practitioners as answered above.

8. Who completes your VTE Risk assessments?

- a. Ward doctors ✓
- b. Nurses
- c. Pharmacists
- d. ANP ✓
- e. Other - Please specify

9. What is your current VTE Risk assessment compliance rate?

78.0% for October 2019 (latest finalised month).

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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