

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-165**

22 July 2020

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:

We can confirm that we hold some the information you are requesting

In the last 12 months,

1. How many patients have been treated for VTE using Warfarin?
2. How many patients have been treated for VTE using Low-molecular-weight heparin (LMWH)?

To provide this information would require use of dispensing records and manual investigation to determine why each individual patient received this treatment as the above mentioned drugs are used for a range of indications. This would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the FOI Act 2000.

3. How many days therapy with a DOAC is advised in your Trust for treating:
  - PE
  - DVT
  - Cancer Thrombosis

The duration of therapy is a minimum of 3 months followed by a review with indefinite duration considered for those at significant risk of recurrence (e.g. unprovoked VTE, minor provoking factor VTE, CTEPH, ongoing active cancer) who are not at high risk of bleeding.

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 and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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