

## ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 04 March 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**1, Confirm whether the Trust routinely prescribes direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) in preference to low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) and warfarin for the management of standard acute venous thromboembolism (VTE)?**

Yes

**2, Please provide a copy of the Trusts' management policy on management of acute venous thromboembolism (VTE).**

Please see attachment 1

**3, Does the Trust provide all patients with an unprovoked VTE a medical opinion from a thrombosis physician?**

Yes

**4, Does the Trust definition of an 'unprovoked VTE' include women using the combined oral contraceptive pill or hormone replacement therapy (HRT)?**

Yes

**5, Do investigations after an unprovoked VTE follow NICE guidance?**

Yes

**6, Per week, how many clinics are devoted to seeing patients with VTE in the Trust?**

Nurses see patients 5 days per week and 2 x consultant clinics.

**7. How many full-time equivalents are employed by the Trust to provide thromboprophylaxis and care of thrombosis patients from?**

**a. Nursing – 2 x WTE**

- b. **Pharmacists** 1 x WTE
- c. **Medical** 2 x WTE

### **Thromboprophylaxis**

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

Yes

**2. Please provide the monthly percentage (admissions numbers/VTE risk assessments carried out) for VTE risk assessments carried across the Trust between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – 31 December 2021.**

Please see attachment 2

**3. Does the Trust have dedicated funding for a team ensuring VTE prevention occurs?**

There is an anticoagulation and thrombosis committee that is responsible for ensuring compliance with VTE targets and ensuring adequate protocols etc. but no specific funding for this though.

### **COVID-19**

**4. Please provide a copy of the Trust's thromboprophylaxis protocols used to treat in-patients with COVID-19 pneumonia.**

Please see attachment 3

### **Psychological care**

**5. Do VTE patients within the Trust have access to clinical psychological support?**

No specific psychological support for VTE patients over and above nursing team

**6. How many sessions per week are provided by the Trust for VTE clinical psychological support?**

N/A

### **Cancer-associated VTE**

**7. Does the Trust have a dedicated clinical lead for cancer associated thrombosis (CAT)?**

Not specifically for cancer associated thrombosis.

Dr Sarah Davis (haematologist) is thrombosis lead for trust.

**8. Does a protocol exist for managing VTE in those with cancer?**

No

**9. Please provide a copy of the Trusts' protocol for managing VTE in those with cancer.**

N/A

**VTE prevention and management in the community**

**10. Please provide copies of VTE care pathways developed to support community clinicians with regards to:**

- (i) Anticoagulation medication changes**
- (ii) Anticoagulation dosing.**

Please see attachment 6

**11. Does the Trust have specific VTE guidance for:**

- (i) System wide protocols?**

The requested policies are currently under review and going through internal governance and approval processes

- (ii) E-consultation facilities?**

MKUH does not have this facility

- (iii) On call clinician to discuss problems and seek advice from?**

Weekly MDT to discuss new outpatient DVT/PE management and inpatients if clinicians ask us too. Haematology reg or consultant on call 24/7 for advice

**12. Please provide copies of the Trust's protocol documents for VTE prevention and management in**

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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