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Subject: Venous Thromboembolism

REQUEST

1. 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. Please could you provide data on ICD-10 182.9.
2. Does your Trust use the National Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment tool? If no, does your Trust have its own risk assessment tool?
3. Who is responsible for the implementation of your Trust's VTE risk assessment tool?
4. What training do you have in place to ensure the adoption of the VTE risk assessment tool in clinical practice?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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Year	No. Patients
2021	<5
2022	<5
2023*	<5

*Time period covers January 2023 to November 2023.

Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

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

St Helens and Knowsley:

The Trust uses an adapted version of the National Venous Thromboembolism tool (VTE), electronic and paper copies are in place.

3. Who is responsible for the implementation of your Trust’s VTE risk assessment tool?

St Helens and Knowsley:

The Medical Director, VTE Lead Clinician and VTE Nurses.

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

- Mandatory Preceptorship training to all new starters to the Trust.
- Mandatory Induction of doctors new to the Trust included in speciality training provided by Pharmacy.
- Online E-Learning training system Moodle.
- Local induction Speciality based training.