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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 29th November making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

I am writing on behalf of Derek Thomas MP, chair of the Venous and Vascular All-Party Parliamentary Group to submit a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- a) Do you have a formal patient pathway for the management of venous leg ulcers?
- b) Do you have a multi-disciplinary team for the management of venous leg ulcers? If so can you list who is involved in that team?
- c) For patients with chronic leg ulcers can you state who would generally be the lead clinician on their care?
- d) Do you have a lead clinician for venous conditions? If so, please provide a name, job title, postal address, email address and telephone number. This information would only be used for limited communications from the All-Party Parliamentary Group in the furtherance of its policy aim to improve venous care across the country.
- e) How many patients with chronic venous leg ulcers did you treat in i) 2012/13, ii) 2013/14, iii) 2014/15, iv) 2015/16, v) 2016/17, vi) 2017/18
- f) How many patients with chronic leg ulcers did you refer to vascular or a venous surgeon in i) 2012/13, ii) 2013/14, iii) 2014/15, iv) 2015/16, v) 2016/17, vi) 2017/18

g) How many surgical procedures related to venous leg ulcers has your trust performed in i) 2012/13, ii) 2013/14, iii) 2014/15, iv) 2015/16, v) 2016/17, vi) 2017/18

Please provide the above information to myself at mohitdougherty@gmail.com

Response:

- a) Yes
- b) No, the Trust do not have a VLU MD team. The management of VLUs is delivered by district nurses or practice nurses as first line with referral and input from community tissue viability if the ulcer doesn't progress. Referral on to vascular or dermatology is usually based on advice from Tissue viability.
- c) If Chronic is being defined as those ulcers that fail to progress, Tissue viability in the community would assess and lead on the treatment plan although a generalist nurse such as a DN or practice nurse would be responsible for delivering the day to day care.
- d) We do not have specific lead for just 'venous conditions', In terms of venous leg ulcers or other conditions relating to venous related chronic oedema/ lymphoedema, the tissue viability clinical manager will take the lead on this.

Sarah Gardner, Tissue viability clinical lead

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- e) A new process for gathering data on specific Leg ulcer aetiologies was only introduced this year and the Trust do not yet report on such information.
- f) The Trust do not hold such information in a reportable form.
- g) The Trust do not provide surgical procedures.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for Fol Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance