

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Response

Our ref: 15Fol330
Your ref: Email received 20/07/2015

request-280999-6a187959@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear David Smith

File Reference: 15FOI330

Date request received: 20/07/2015

Disclosure due date: 17/08/2015

Disclosure date: 16/09/2015

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I refer to your email received 20/07/2015 in which you requested information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

For organisational context: Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West. We employ over 6,000 staff working in 350 different roles within the Trust. We offer a full range of general hospital services to around 450,000 people in Plymouth, North and East Cornwall and South and West Devon. These include emergency and trauma services, maternity services, paediatrics and a full range of diagnostic, medical and surgical sub-specialties.

We work within a network of other hospitals to offer a range of specialist services. These are provided to a population of between 700,000 and two million depending on the type of care needed.

“Contact us” details are available on the website [here](#)

Abbreviations used in this request

AF	Atrial Fibrillation
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis
NOAC	new oral anticoagulants

PE	pulmonary embolism
VTE CNS	Venous Thromboembolism CNS

You asked:

Following the NICE recommendations for the use of NOACs in anti coagulation please could I request any guidance/protocols/pathways looking at their place in therapy in:

1. Cardiology (atrial fibrillation)
2. Hematology (DVT & other venous thrombotic events)
3. Respiratory (treatment of pulmonary embolism)

Any other documents relevant would also be appreciated.

Our reply

The Trust in collaboration with other local NHS organisations is working to the guidance provided in the South and West Devon Formulary and Referral website at: <http://southwest.devonformularyguidance.nhs.uk/>

The guidance requested can be located under the relevant chapter headings. We based the advice on the guidance we collectively use. Links to that guidance can be found within the text.

For example: Chapter 2 contains information related to Cardiovascular issues. Clicking on the Atrial Fibrillation heading provides links to appropriate national and local guidance about atrial fibrillation.

<http://southwest.devonformularyguidance.nhs.uk/formulary/chapters/2.-cardiovascular/atrial-fibrillation> Additionally by clicking on the purple title headings, additional advice is provided to the reader.

Attachments included: No

Legal Notes:

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested as part of a joint programme with other organisations and is providing links to the published information in accordance with section 1(b), section 21.-(1) and section 16 – advice and assistance.

As part of our internal quality control review process, we have identified that this request has not been responded to within the timeframe and for this we apologise. If you wish to take the matter further, please refer to the satisfaction section of this reply letter.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me on ☎ 01752 431058.

As part of our internal quality control review process, we have identified that this request has not been responded to within the timeframe and for this we apologise. If you wish to take the matter further, please refer to the satisfaction section of this reply letter.

Satisfaction and appeal

Would you kindly note that if you were unhappy with this response then you have the right to complain. This should be in writing to the address below or preferably by email to plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net . We will then arrange for an independent appeal.

Freedom of Information Manager
Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
Central Records Library
Bush Park
Plymouth
PL6 7RG

 01752 431058

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

<http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints/getting>

Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510

Legal information pertaining to the release of this information

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Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Manager