

Freedom of Information Request: 0507 2019/20

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) completed a merger by acquisition of Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust (HEFT) on 1st April 2018. Due to historical differences across UHB and the former Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust some of this response has been provided by hospital site.

**FOI requests into Trust In-patient Vitamin K Antagonists (VKA)
dosing/VTE risk assessment practices**

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1. Does your Trust have an Anticoagulant Service for

- a) In-patients and out-patients QE: YES
- b) In-patients only YES NO
- c) Outpatient only HGS: YES

2. How many inpatient beds does your Trust have (at each site if more than 1 site)?

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham: Approx. 1,200

Heartlands Hospital: Approx. 593

Solihull Hospital: Approx. 196

Good Hope Hospital: Approx. 502

a)How many sites do you inpatient dose (if applicable)?

QE: 1

HGS: Not Applicable

3. Who doses VKA for your inpatient population?

a) Doctors –

QE: Yes, as not all patients are dosed by Clinical Nurse Specialists, only those referred

HGS: Yes

b) **Advanced nurse practitioners**

c) **Biomedical Scientists**

d) Clinical Nurse Specialists – if so are they nurse prescribers?

QE – Yes and yes

e) **Pharmacists - If so are they prescribers?**

f) **Other – free text box**

4. How many individuals who are not doctors perform this role in the groups specified above

QE: 4

HGS: Not Applicable

5. If you dose warfarin for out-patients, how many warfarin patients do you currently dose?

University Hospitals Birmingham
(combined Trust) - Approx. 5500

a. Which dosing software do you use – free text

QE: INR Star

HGS: DAWN

6. Does your Trust run nurse led Anticoagulation clinics?

UHB - YES

NO

7. If there are no nurse led clinics, who is responsible for management of patients taking VKA within your trust

UHB - Not Applicable

8. Who completes your VTE Risk assessments?

- a. Ward doctors QE – Yes, the majority, HGS - Yes
- b. Nurses QE – Yes, some in ambulatory care, HGS - Yes
- c. Pharmacists
- d. ANP
- e. Other - Please specify

9. What is your current VTE Risk assessment compliance rate?

UHB: 98.3%