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I am responding to your request for information received 6th January 2020. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision. If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

Question 1. Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your Trust? If so:

- **What date was this protocol put into place?**
- **When is it due for review?**

Answer: Yes, the Trust has a venous thromboembolism policy. The policy was ratified on 11th December 2019 and this is due for review in October 2022.

Question 2. Is there a preferred Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or are all utilised within the trust for VTE?

Answer: The Trust would not normally treat venous thromboembolism directly, this is treated by acute Trusts and we would follow acute Trust guidelines.

Question 3. How many patients have been treated for VTE with a DOAC in the last 12 months?

Answer: The Trust has not routinely captured this information over the last 12 months. To answer this question we would need to manually review each patient record to retrieve this information therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

Question 4. What volume of each DOAC was used to treat in this same time period?

Answer: Please see below usage for the past 12 months (January 2019 – December 2019):

Apixaban (Eliquis) 2.5mg tablets = 54 boxes
Apixaban (Eliquis) 5mg tablets = 127 boxes

Edoxaban (Lixiana) 15mg tablets = 1 box
Edoxaban (Lixiana) 30mg tablets = 49 boxes
Edoxaban (Lixiana) 60mg tablets = 34 boxes

Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) 10mg tablets = 7 boxes
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) 20mg tablets = 73 boxes
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) 15mg tablets = 8 boxes