

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

**1. Does your Trust have an Anticoagulant Service for**

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| <b>a) In-patients and out-patients</b> | YES |
| <b>b) In-patients only</b>             | N/A |
| <b>c) Outpatient only</b>              | N/A |

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

634

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

The Trust has only one bedded hospital; it has two other sites which are non-bedded.

**3. Who doses VKA for your inpatient population?**

- a) Doctors**
- b) Advanced nurse practitioners**
- c) Biomedical Scientists**
- d) Clinical Nurse Specialists – if so are they nurse prescribers?**
- e) Pharmacists - If so are they prescribers?**
- f) Other – free text box**

The Trust has a Specific anticoagulant team consisting of band 6 nurses and a clinical nurse specialist who dose patients on VKA if referred to service.

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

There are 9 (7.52wte) band 6 nurses and 1 full time band 7

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

3150

**a. Which dosing software do you use – free text**

The name of the software used has not been released and FOI Exemption Section (31) Law enforcement has been applied which is a qualified exemption, so we must apply what is known as a “public interest test” to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In applying the public interest test careful consideration was given to the arguments for and against

disclosure. Disclosing this information could put NHS data, systems and infrastructure at risk, with a likelihood of operational services locally being disrupted, ultimately putting patients at risk. Disclosure of this information would adversely affect the Trust's ability to build public trust and could put individuals at risk, therefore it is in the public interest that the information be withheld on this occasion.

**6. Does your Trust run nurse led Anticoagulation clinics?**

Yes

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

N/A

**8. Who completes your VTE Risk assessments?**

- a. Ward doctors**
- b. Nurses**
- c. Pharmacists**
- d. ANP**
- e. Other - Please specify**

Ward doctors and Midwives

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

Initial VTE RA – 93.59%

Second VTE RA – 18.22%