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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Please can I have your CQUIN published data for lower limb ulcers from start to present date under Freedom of Information. I am looking at ABPI use after the NICE guidance came out in May 2023 –

Leg Ulcer service reporting on CQUIN - We have seen a total of 169 patients from April 2023 who we have carried out an ABPI on. With the results we have either put them into 20mmHG or 40mmHG compression

To break this down further :-

75 Initial contacts ABPI then into 40mmHG
31 Initial contacts ABPI then into 20mmHG
12 Initial ABPI No record of compression
17 Follow up ABPI 20mmHG
34 Follow up ABPI 40mmHG

2) Please can I also know if your Community Teams are using MESI ABPI devices. If they are currently using them, when they stopped using them, how many you have.

- the District nursing team no longer use Mesi ABPI devices as per NICE guidance brought out in May 2023.

3) Also can I know if your Community Nursing Teams are using Manual Doppler ABPI Devices, and if they are how many you have.

- Manual dopplers within the District Nursing teams at present. = 18

4) How many Datixs have been completed for not having Access to an ABPI and therefore unable to follow the leg pathway, each month since August 2022. = 0

5) If I am able to see any current policies under FOI please can I see your ABPI policy, for community teams since the NICE guidance came out in May 2023 –

- Please see attached our current Leg Ulcer Management guideline and the New National Wound Care Strategy Programme which will contain information regarding ABPI, at the moment we are following the CQUIN targets, to be seen within 28 days of referral.

For a copy of the documents please contact FOI quoting reference number 000297

There are questions that have been asked around the length of time from first presentation to assessment. It is stated in the documentation FAQ for the CQUIN for assessment, diagnosis and treatment of the leg wounds CCG14v4 question 14

Q14 -Why is the diagnosis and treatment time within 28 days of a non healing leg wound being identified and recorded , not 14 day as per the NWCSP Lower limb recommendations for clinical care (2020)

Answer - Although the NWCSP recommendations state a person presenting with a leg wound should be assessed (including vascular assessment of arterial supply) within 14 days of original presentation, the CQUIN are more generous to allow more organisations to succeed. (So this is what was agreed and what in the leg ulcer service we follow)

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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