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**Address / Email:**

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

**Request**

*Under the Freedom of Information Act I am sending this email as a request for information on the lower limb wound care services within your Integrated Care Bored. The requested information has been outlined in the attached word document. We would be grateful if the information could be provided in the format of a word document.*

**Response**

Please find attached a completed questionnaire as requested.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

Information Governance Manager  
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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

1. Do you have a dedicated service for lower limb wounds in your integrated care board? (*Lower limb wound services can be described as a healthcare service providing care for patients with chronic wounds located below the knee and above the foot.*)

☒ Yes

☐ No

*If no, please proceed to question 2*

*If yes, please complete questions: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, & 1.4.*

- 1.1. Is this service delivered by a doctor or nurse led?

☐ Delivered by a medically trained doctor

☒ Nurse lead

☐ Other (Please specify) .....

- 1.2. Are the staff who provide lower limb services able to apply compression bandaging? (*Bandages that result in therapeutic levels of lower limb compression when applied with pressure*)

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (Please specify) .....

- 1.3. What are the clinical requirements to be eligible for this service?

Please specify:

- Non-Healing Active ulcer with a duration of 2 weeks, below the knee and above or on the malleolus
- Under Vascular team with recommendations of compression Therapy

- 1.4. How are referrals received for this service?

☐ Electronic e.g. e-referral system

☒ Referral via email

☐ Referral via telephone call

☐ Patient self-referral

☐ Other (Please specify) .....

- 1.5. Does this service provide care or outreach services for house bound patients?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Do you have a dedicated vascular service?

*(Vascular services are commissioned to provide diagnostics and treatment for vascular disease. The principal clinical specialities involved are vascular surgery and interventional vascular radiology. Such services provide care for the needs of patients with disorders relating to the arteries, veins, and lymphatic system)*

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (Please specify) .....

*If yes, please complete questions: 2.1 & 2.2*

2.1. If yes, is the vascular service a hub centre or specialist service? *(please select all that apply)*

**Hub centre:** providing diagnostics and expert advice in an outpatient setting.

**Specialist services:** providing diagnostics and expert advice in an outpatient setting + providing elective and 24/7 emergency vascular services.

☒ Hub Centre

☐ Specialist service

☐ N/A

2.2. Do you have a dedicated service for venous disease within the vascular service?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (Please specify) .....

2.3. If yes, is this delivered by a doctor or a nurse?

☒ Delivered by a medically trained doctor / surgeon

☐ Nurse lead

☐ Other (Please specify) .....