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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Postural Tachycardia Syndrome PoTS

Postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) is a neurovascular condition characterised as an abnormal response by the autonomic nervous system to upright posture. The condition causes affected patients of all ages to experience a range of symptoms requiring extensive clinical investigations involving neurology and cardiology specialties to inform a positive diagnosis.

1. What is your estimate of the incidence of PoTS in the population of the Black Country and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years?
2. Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?
3. To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?
4. Are there established ICB patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?
5. Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.
6. How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?

Response

This information is not held by The Dudley Group of Hospitals, as patients with suspected POTS are referred to University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire for further investigation.

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

Yours sincerely

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