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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. The current total number of patients on the vascular **non-admitted waiting list** at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust split into:

Arterial patients = **38**

Venous patients = **319**

2. The current number of patients on the vascular **non-admitted waiting list** who have already waited:

Longer than 65 weeks = **0**

Between 52 and 64 weeks = **7**

Between 40 and 51 weeks = **57**

Between 18 and 39 weeks = **188**

Less than 18 weeks = **615**

3. How long is your longest non-admitted waiter? **54 weeks**

4. For routine venous patients being referred now, what month are you booking them into for their first outpatient appointment? - **December, however will depend on clinical capacity**

5. The current number of patients on the **admitted waiting list** that are listed for varicose vein intervention, either unilateral or bilateral. This could be:

Radiofrequency ablation (RFA)

Foam sclerotherapy

Phlebectomies/avulsions

Vein stripping

Endovenous laser treatment (EVLT)

Total = 282

6. The average full RTT waiting time for varicose vein patients = **4 WEEKS**

7. Where do you treat your varicose vein patients? Is it in Main Theatre, Minor Ops, or an Outpatient setting? **Minor Procedure room and Hybrid Theatre**

8. How many varicose vein patients would you normally treat on an intervention list? Please could you provide this information broken down by half day or full day list?

Total = 3 (Half day list)

9. Do you run pure varicose vein intervention lists or are patients mixed into regular vascular lists? -

The Trust does both

10. Do your varicose vein patients attend a one stop diagnostic and consultation appointment? -

- patients get scanned in clinic but if they are more complex they would go to the Vascular Lab

11. If not, how long is your current wait for a diagnostic appointment? - **varicose vein scans through the vascular service if they are requested as routine approximately 4-6 weeks, if the scan is requested as urgent they are scanned within 2 weeks.**

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.

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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.

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

Yours sincerely

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