

**FOI 081/2021 Request.**

**Dear Sir/Madam**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000, please can you provide me with the following information:**

- 1. Does the Trust have a venous thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment policy for hospitalised psychiatric patients as indicated in the NICE guideline [NG89]?**
  - 2. If the Trust has a VTE Risk Assessment policy, please can you provide a copy of the Trust's policy that is used for hospitalised psychiatric patients as per NICE Guidance NG89:  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89>**
  - 3. Does the Trust have a VTE Risk Assessment tool that is used when assessing VTE risk in hospitalised psychiatric patients?**
  - 4. If the Trust has a VTE risk assessment tool, please can you provide a copy of the VTE risk assessment tool that is used when assessing VTE risk in hospitalised psychiatric patients, as per NICE Guidance NG89:  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89/chapter/Recommendations#risk-assessment>**
  - 5. Does the Trust have a policy for monitoring venous thromboembolism (VTE) events in hospitalised psychiatric patients and in psychiatric patients for up to 90 days post discharge?**
  - 6. If the Trust has a policy for monitoring venous thromboembolism (VTE) events in hospitalised psychiatric patients and in psychiatric patients for up to 90 days post discharge. Please can you provide a copy.**
  - 7. Please can you provide the number of VTE diagnosis in hospitalised psychiatric patients including those diagnosed with a VTE within 90 days of discharge between February 2016 – February 2021.**
- Thank you in advance for your help in providing this information.**

**Response**

Currently, the Trust does not have a VTE policy or a specific assessment tool that is used when assessing VTE risk.

However, Trust patients are assessed on admission in line with NICE guidance to identify those patients who would benefit from prophylaxis.

In regards to question 7, the Trust can confirm that there have been 14 instances of a patient having a coded diagnosis of VTE during the 5 year reporting period.

Please note that the requested data is not routinely recorded and there may be more instances of patient being diagnosed with VTE.