

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_04_20

You asked:

Please can I request any information that is available for the below questions:

1. Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your health board

If so:

- **What date was this protocol put into place**
- **When is it due for review**

Yes, the current protocol was put into place in June 2016. The VTE protocol is currently up for review and will be updated based on the forthcoming new NICE guidance due March 2020.

2. Is there a preferred Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or are all utilised within the Health Board for VTE.

Rivaroxaban and Apixaban.

3. How many patients have been treated for VTE with a DOAC in the last 12 months

I can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

4. What volume of each DOAC was used to Treat in this same time period

Approximately 47% Apixaban and 53% Rivaroxaban.