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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 16th August 2016.

You asked for information regarding occurrence and management of venous thromboembolism in nursing care homes:

Question 1:

A - How many NHS nurses are employed to provide care in nursing care homes in your CCG area?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not directly employ NHS Nurses to provide care in nursing care homes, however, the CCG does commission a Nurse Led Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT), early Pulmonary Embolism (PE) and Anticoagulation Service from Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust and I have included their contact information for you to contact them directly: FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk

B - Of these, how many are:

- Anticoagulation specialists
- VTE specialists

Please see response to question 1A.

Question 2:

Does your CCG provide guidance for nursing care home staff on prevention and management of VTE? If Yes, please attach a copy.

The CCG does not provide any guidance for care homes as the contract is held by the Department of Adult Social Services. I have included their contact information for you to contact them directly: informationmanager@wirral.gov.uk

Question 3:

What information is provided to residents of nursing care homes in your CCG area on their risk of developing a blood clot?

Please see response to question 2.

Question 4:

What is the established procedure in the nursing care homes in your CCG area for managing recurrent VTE in residents?

The Nurse Led DVT, early PE and anticoagulation service from Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust manage recurrent VTE. I have included their contact information for you to contact them directly: FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk.

Question 5:

Please describe the local referral and treatment pathway for occurrences of VTE in nursing care homes in your CCG area.

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Question 6:

Is there local guidance in your CCG area for the transfer of care between hospitals and nursing care homes? If Yes, please attach a copy.

Currently there is no local guidance.

Question 7:

If Yes to Question 6, how does your CCG quality assure that the local guidance for the transfer of care between hospitals and nursing care homes is followed?

*Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is a collective term referring to deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE). VTE is defined by the following ICD-10 codes: I80.0-I80.3, I80.8-I80.9, I82.9, O22.2 – O22.3, O87.0 – O87.1, I26.0, and I26.9.

Please see response to question 6.

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