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I am responding to your request for information received 16 February **2023**. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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

**Question 1:** Does the Trust routinely meet the 95% VTE Risk Assessment level required by NHS England?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question 2:** Please provide the monthly percentage (admissions numbers/VTE risk assessments carried out) for VTE risk assessments carried across the Trust between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 31 December 2022.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—  
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

In order for the Trust to provide information on VTE risk assessments, it would have to access patient records. We do not have a legal basis to access patient records in order to respond to a Freedom of Information Request. Therefore, we are unable to provide a response.

**Question 3:** Does the Trust have dedicated funding for a team ensuring VTE prevention occurs?

**Answer:** The Trust does not have a dedicated team to carry out VTE assessments and has no funding stream for this activity. However, our inpatient teams do carry out these assessments as we recognise that it is good practice.



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