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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 1st December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **How many patients in your Trust had SNOMED CT code Venous Thromboembolic Disease: 429098002, included in their patient record during A) 2021, B) 2022, C) 2023.**

Discharge Month/Discharge Year	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Jan	54	54	64	172
Feb	50	57	46	153
Mar	63	39	60	162
Apr	68	51	46	165
May	47	47	56	150
Jun	42	53	68	163
Jul	45	52	53	150
Aug	63	58	56	177
Sep	66	50	64	180
Oct	58	57	57	172
Nov	69	46	64	179
Dec	61	50	19	130
Grand Total	686	614	653	1953

Please note this table reflects all inpatient spells where a patient was coded with one of the below in the **primary** position. This would indicate that it was the main reason for admission.

Home, Community, Hospital.

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- I260 - Pulmonary embolism with mention of acute cor pulmonale
- I269 - Pulmonary embolism without mention of acute cor pulmonale
- I630 - Cerebral infarction due to thrombosis of precerebral arteries
- I631 - Cerebral infarction due to embolism of precerebral arteries
- I633 - Cerebral infarction due to thrombosis of cerebral arteries
- I634 - Cerebral infarction due to embolism of cerebral arteries
- I636 - Cerebral infarction due to cerebral venous thrombosis, nonpyogenic
- I650 - Occlusion and stenosis of vertebral artery
- I651 - Occlusion and stenosis of basilar artery
- I652 - Occlusion and stenosis of carotid artery
- I658 - Occlusion and stenosis of other precerebral artery
- I659 - Occlusion and stenosis of unspecified precerebral artery
- I74 - Arterial embolism and thrombosis
- I80 - Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis
- I81 - Portal vein thrombosis
- I82 - Other venous embolism and thrombosis

2. Does your Trust use the National Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) risk assessment tool? If no, does your Trust have its own risk assessment tool?

VTE prophylaxis is completed on the Electronic Prescribing Medicines Administration (EPMA) system via an electronic VTE assessment tool.

This tool helps to record the risk factors that a patient has for either a clot or a bleed. This information is then used to decide if a patient needs either mechanical or pharmacological thromboprophylaxis (or nothing)

The tool is however not a prescription, and the Drs must prescribe the thromboprophylaxis (if required) when the assessment is complete.

3. Who is responsible for the implementation of your Trust's VTE risk assessment tool?

VTE risk assessment is completed on the EPMA system via an electronic VTE assessment tool. There is a designated team comprising of IT specialist, Pharmacy Lead and senior clinicians.

4. What training do you have in place to ensure the adoption of the VTE risk assessment tool in clinical practice?

Training is undertaken on the Drs induction and there are also links on the intranet if anyone needs any prompts or further assistance. The EPMA team are also available within normal working hours to assist and support.

<https://sfhnet.notts.nhs.uk/content/showcontent.aspx?contentid=66517>

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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