

Request title: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) in Cancer

Date of Response: 16th September 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

Part 1: Incidence

Question 1: How many patients has your Trust treated for cancer (of all types) in each of the past three years?

- a) 2014 - 4,855 patients.
- b) 2013 - 4,793 patients.
- c) 2012 - 3,929 patients.

Question 2: Of the patients treated for cancer, how many also had a diagnosis of venous thromboembolism (VTE) {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} in each of the past three years?

- a) 2014 - 78 patients.
- b) 2013 - 76 patients.
- c) 2012 - 58 patients.

Question 3: Of the patients treated for cancer who also had a diagnosis of VTE in each of the past three years, how many:

	2014	2013	2012
Were receiving chemotherapy?	49	41	36
Had metastatic disease?	42	43	24
Had localised disease?	27	21	24
Were treated for brain cancer?	2	1	1
Were treated for lung cancer?	11	10	10
Were treated for uterine cancer?	3	0	2
Were treated for bladder cancer?	5	1	2
Were treated for pancreatic cancer?	1	7	5

Were treated for stomach cancer?	3	1	2
Were treated for kidney cancer?	1	2	0

Part 2: Mortality

Question 4: In how many patient deaths within your Trust was cancer (of any type) listed as the **primary** cause of death in each of the past three years:

- a) 2014
- b) 2013
- c) 2012

The Trust is not able to provide an answer to this question as this is not data that is collected at Trust level. There is a dataset with cause of death recorded which is held by the NEW Devon CCG, however, it is not something that the Trust has access to.

Question 5: Of the patients who died within your Trust, in how many was VTE **as well** as cancer listed as a cause of death in each of the past three years:

- a) 2014
- b) 2013
- c) 2012

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Question 6: Of the patients who died in your Trust who had both VTE **and** cancer listed as a cause of death, how many:

	2014	2013	2012
Were receiving chemotherapy?			
Were treated for brain cancer?			
Were treated for lung cancer?			
Were treated for uterine cancer?			
Were treated for bladder cancer?			
Were treated for pancreatic cancer?			
Were treated for stomach cancer?			
Were treated for kidney cancer?			

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Part 3: Advice given to patients

Question 7: Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information about the risk of developing VTE during chemotherapy?

The Trust uses Macmillan literature and a verbal discussion takes place with high risk patients.

Question 8: Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information which outlines the symptoms suggestive of VTE?

The Trust uses Macmillan literature and a verbal discussion takes place with high risk patients.

Question 9: Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information regarding what action they should take if they suspect a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) or Pulmonary Embolism (PE)?

The Trust uses Macmillan literature and a verbal discussion takes place with high risk patients.

Question 10: Does your Trust have a policy or pathway for the management of suspected VTE in patients receiving chemotherapy?

The Trust has a Policy for the management of suspected VTE, but this is not specially relating to patients that are receiving chemotherapy. Please see the Policy attached above.