

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 29/11/18.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

a) Do you have a formal patient pathway for the management of venous leg ulcers?

NICE/SIGN guidance is followed for patient pathways when managing venous leg ulcers.

b) Do you have a multi-disciplinary team for the management of venous leg ulcers? If so can you list who is involved in that team?

Multidisciplinary teams include; specialist nurses, nursing team, consultants, Specialist Registrar and other doctors.

c) For patients with chronic leg ulcers can you state who would generally be the lead clinician on their care?

For Dermatology there is no lead clinician as a whole team of Consultants and specialist nurses are involved.

The Vascular team do have a lead vascular consultant but not one for venous ulcers.

d) Do you have a lead clinician for venous conditions? If so, please provide a name, job title, postal address, email address and telephone number. This information would only be used for limited communications from the All-Party Parliamentary Group in the furtherance of its policy aim to improve venous care across the country.

There is no lead clinician as a whole team of Consultants and specialist nurses are involved.

- e) How many patients with chronic venous leg ulcers did you treat in i) 2012/13, ii) 2013/14, iii) 2014/15, iv) 2015/16, v) 2016/17, vi) 2017/18
- f) How many patients with chronic leg ulcers did you refer to vascular or a venous surgeon in i) 2012/13, ii) 2013/14, iii) 2014/15, iv) 2015/16, v) 2016/17, vi) 2017/18
- g) How many surgical procedures related to venous leg ulcers has your trust performed in i) 2012/13, ii) 2013/14, iii) 2014/15, iv) 2015/16, v) 2016/17, vi) 2017/18

We do not hold a centralised record of this information. The required information would be recorded in the individual patient's notes. To extract this information would require a manual review of each medical record; this would not be feasible as the time required to carry out this task would exceed the 18 hours allowed for a FOI request.