



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 263**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 17/08/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

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**Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):**

Part 1: Incidence

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

- a) 2015 = 4132
- b) 2014 = 4503
- c) 2013 = 4667
- d) 2012 = 4935

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 four years?

- a) 2015 = 46
- b) 2014 = 40
- c) 2013 = 48
- d) 2012 = 42

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

	2015	2014	2013	2012
Were receiving chemotherapy?	13	5	7	8
Had metastatic disease?	5	5	6	9
Had localised disease?	2			1
Were treated for brain cancer?	4	1	1	2
Were treated for lung cancer?	9	2	5	2
Were treated for uterine cancer?	3	3		
Were treated for bladder cancer?			1	2
Were treated for pancreatic cancer?	1			2
Were treated for stomach cancer?	1			2
Were treated for kidney cancer?	1			

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 four years:

- a) 2015      174
- b) 2014      156
- c) 2013      228
- d) 2012      214

The figures provided above are the number of cancer patients who have died within the period of interest (2012-2015). Please note the Trust is unable to provide the number of deceased cancer patients where cancer is listed / recorded as the primary cause of death.

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 four years:

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested in the format requested. In order to extract this information, the Trust will exceed the 18 hour time /cost limit for an FOI request (S. 12 FOIA).

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

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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? Is this information provided to chemotherapy inpatients only, chemotherapy outpatients only, or both in and outpatients?

Yes in Out Patients Department (OPD). They are given both verbal and written information regarding increased risk of VTE. Information is given in the form of the drug information sheet from MacMillan and it is discussed at PCA.

Question 8: Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information which outlines the symptoms suggestive of VTE? Is this information provided to chemotherapy inpatients only, chemotherapy outpatients only, or both in and outpatients?

Yes in OPD they are given both verbal and written information regarding signs and symptoms of VTE. Information is given in the form of the drug information sheet from MacMillan and it is discussed at PCA.

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)? Is this information provided to chemotherapy inpatients only, chemotherapy outpatients only, or both in and outpatients?

Yes in OPD they are given both verbal and written information regarding increased what to do if they suspect VTE. Information is given in the form of the drug information sheet from

MacMillan which states to contact your doctor and it is discussed at PCA at which time they are given emergency contact details.

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

There is no policy or pathway specific to management of suspected VTE in chemotherapy patients.