

## Freedom of Information request 2-20

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### Request

1. Does a specific venous thromboembolism protocol exist for your health board
2. If so:
  - a) What date was this protocol put into place
  - b) When is it due for review
3. Is there a preferred Direct Oral Anticoagulant (DOAC) or are all utilised within the trust for VTE
4. How many patients have been treated for VTE with a DOAC in the last 12 months
5. What volume of each DOAC was used to Treat in this same time period

### Response

1-2. Please find attached below copy of NHS Borders Apixaban in DVT/PE policy:



Apixaban DVTPE  
Nov19.pdf

3. First choice is Apixaban, second choice is Edoxaban.
- 4 & 5 This information is not held electronically and would only be available in a patient's medical record. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all medical records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore under Section 12 this data cannot be provided.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **2-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.

