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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220836.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**I am undertaking research into the pre-hospital barriers of tranexamic acid (TXA) administration. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information from your Trust:**

- 1. In the past 12 months, how many patient clinical records (PCR)/patients were pre-alerted to a Major Trauma Centre (MTC) with the coding/chief presenting complaint of 'penetrating trauma'?**

There are 141 incidents pre-alerted as trauma over the period Aug 2021 to Sep 2022 to a Major Trauma Centre (We do not use the specific condition of penetrating trauma as a pre-alert option)

- 2. In how many of these cases were HEMS/critical care/pre-hospital doctors NOT present? (I.E paramedics or road ambulance crews only)**

Of the trauma pre-alerts 70 did not utilise HEMS or CCPs

- 3. Of the cases where HEMS/critical care/pre-hospital doctors were not present, how many times was TXA administered?**

Of the above 70 cases TXA was administered in 29 cases

- 4. Of the remaining cases, where TXA was not administered, what were the documented reasons as to why it was not administered? (Please provide all reasons and the number of times each one was given)**

Of the remaining 41 cases the reasons for non-administration of TXA was:

Row Labels	Count
Fall - fracture of lower limb	1
Fall - multiple fractures	4
Fall - spinal injury	5
Hospital transfer	14
Injury - fracture	1
Injury - laceration bleeding controlled	3
Injury - multiple fractures	1
Injury - plan agreed with CCD	1
Injury - plan agreed with GP	1
Injury - spinal injury	1
Injury over 3 hrs ago	7
Stab wound - no severe bleeding	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41</b>

**5. A copy of local policies/guidance/PGDs for TXA administration and pharmacological management of penetrating trauma, within your Trust**

Please see the attached PGD for TXA

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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