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Response Due: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**Please state the type of stroke centre your trust is eg. Neuroscience centre/Comprehensive stroke centre, Acute stroke centre, Non stroke centre, etc.**

Acute Stroke Centre.

**What is your normal imaging pathway for a patient with suspected stroke?**

CT head. MRI in selected patients where there is a clinical indication.

**Which of the following imaging modalities do you use as standard? Non contrast CT head, CT angiogram, CT perfusion, MR angiogram, MR DWI.**

Non contrast CT head, CT angiogram, MR angiogram and MR DWI.

**Do you use any AI tools? If so, please state the company and algorithm used, and the date that the algorithm was first used in your trust. Please list the clinical situations where each algorithm is used.**

No.

**Do you provide mechanical thrombectomy for stroke in your trust?**

No.

**If yes, please provide the following information:**

- **What days/hours is this service provided**

- **If not 24/7, do you refer patients externally and please provide details of this.**

N/A.

**How many stroke thrombectomy procedures did you perform in 2024? How many were performed in weekday working hours (8am-6pm), weekend day (8am-6pm) and overnight (6pm-8am)? How many were performed under general anaesthesia?**

N/A.

**Please also outline the same for the year 2023 and 2022.**

N/A.

**For each of the following types of stroke, please list whether you offer thrombectomy, and what the time window eligibility criteria is - for example "anterior circulation large vessel - yes up to 24 hours"**

- **Anterior circulation - proximal/large vessel occlusion**
- **Anterior circulation - medium vessel occlusion**
- **Anterior circulation - distal/small vessel occlusion**
- **Posterior circulation - proximal/large vessel occlusion**
- **Posterior circulation - medium vessel occlusion**
- **Posterior circulation - distal/small vessel occlusion**

N/A.

**Are there plans to increase service operating hours? Please provide details of any planned increases to the service**

N/A.

**Are you planning to increase the number of consultants to the stroke thrombectomy rota in the next 2-3 years? Which discipline are these consultants expected to be from? (eg. vascular interventional radiology, interventional neuroradiology, neurosurgery, etc.)**

N/A.

**Do you take stroke thrombectomy referrals from other trusts? If yes, please outline the trusts that you accept referrals from, details of the referral pathway, and the times and dates you take referrals from each one**

N/A.

**Do you refer your stroke patients to other centres for thrombectomy? If so, please provide details, referral pathways and day/times**

Yes, to Salford Royal Hospital, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**How many full-time-equivalent consultants are on your stroke thrombectomy on-call rota? How many of these are interventional neuroradiologists?**

N/A.

**Please provide the specialty of each consultant on the rota e.g. interventional neuroradiologist, vascular interventional radiologists, neurosurgeon, other (provide details)**

N/A.

**How many radiographers are on the thrombectomy on-call rota?**

N/A.

**Do the on-call radiographers have other on-call duties e.g. diagnostic radiology, vascular intervention, non-vascular intervention etc. during their shift on the on-call thrombectomy rota?**

N/A.

**How many nurses are on the thrombectomy on-call rota? Do the on-call nurses have other on-call duties e.g. diagnostic radiology, vascular intervention, non-vascular intervention etc**  
N/A.

**What anaesthetic support is available for thrombectomies? Please split this for in hours and out of hours cases. For example: Dedicated anaesthetist available / Shared anaesthetic support with neurosurgery / Shared anaesthetic support with general on-call team, etc.**  
N/A.

**How many biplane fluoroscopy rooms are there in your trust?**  
None that are used for treatment of stroke patients.

**For stroke admissions, which specialty are they admitted under? Are patients admitted under radiology/interventional radiology for any part of their admission?**  
Patients are admitted under stroke specialty.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink. Below the signature, the name 'KEVIN PARKER-EVANS' is printed in a small, sans-serif font.

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