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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Venous Leg Ulcers.

*You asked:*

*a) Do you have a formal patient pathway for the management of 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?*

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

*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.*

*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*

Trust response:

a) Yes.

b) Each ward's team should be involved on the care of patients with leg ulcers – this is the medical and nursing team. Tissue Viability Nurse (TVN) is involved at a specific time according to the pathway and is not involved from the beginning. When Vascular input is needed a referral is made (sometimes suggested by TVN). The vascular team that “practice” in Maidstone Hospital are based at Medway hospital and come to Maidstone every Monday and Friday. We have elective vascular services at Tunbridge

Wells Hospital (Minor day case procedures). As a general rule the Vascular Reg would review any cases requested by either medicine or surgery. We do not offer any emergency vascular services which if it was required would be Medway Hospital or St Thomas's Hospital.

c) The Lead clinician on each ward would be the one responsible for the patient care in that ward.

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e) The TVN registers on the Diary all the patients seen but there is no separate counting procedure for leg ulcers specially even if there was the numbers would not be realistic since TVN does not review all patients with Leg Ulcers, only select ones.

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g)

Financial Year	Count of coding: L83-L88*
2018/19 to Nov	53
2017/18	87
2016/17	99
2015/16	143
2014/15	162
2013/14	67
2012/13	71

**\* Detail of codes used below (N.B. These codes were in any position, i.e. primary or secondary procedures**

OPCS4I	OPCS4_nd	Opcs4Dx3	Opcs4Dx4
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L83.1	L831	OTHER OPERATIONS FOR VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY	CROSSOVER GRAFT OF SAPHENOUS VEIN
L83.2	L832	OTHER OPERATIONS FOR VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY	SUBFASCIAL LIGATION OF PERFORATING VEIN OF LEG
L83.8	L838	OTHER OPERATIONS FOR VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY	OTHER SPECIFIED
L83.9	L839	OTHER OPERATIONS FOR VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY	UNSPECIFIED
L84.1	L841	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON PRIMARY LONG SAPHENOUS VEIN
L84.2	L842	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON PRIMARY SHORT SAPHENOUS VEIN
L84.3	L843	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON PRIMARY LONG AND SHORT SAPHENOUS VEIN
L84.4	L844	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON RECURRENT LONG SAPHENOUS VEIN
L84.5	L845	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON RECURRENT SHORT SAPHENOUS VEIN
L84.6	L846	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON RECURRENT LONG AND SHORT SAPHENOUS VE
L84.8	L848	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	OTHER SPECIFIED
L84.9	L849	COMBINED OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	UNSPECIFIED
L85.1	L851	LIGATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	LIGATION OF LONG SAPHENOUS VEIN
L85.2	L852	LIGATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	LIGATION OF SHORT SAPHENOUS VEIN
L85.3	L853	LIGATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	LIGATION OF RECURRENT VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L85.8	L858	LIGATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	OTHER SPECIFIED
L85.9	L859	LIGATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	UNSPECIFIED
L86.1	L861	INJECTION INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	INJECTION OF SCLEROSING SUBSTANCE INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L86.2	L862	INJECTION INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	ULTRASOUND GUIDED FOAM SCLEROTHERAPY FOR VARICOSE VEIN OF LE
L86.3	L863	INJECTION INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	INJECTION OF GLUE INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L86.8	L868	INJECTION INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	OTHER SPECIFIED
L86.9	L869	INJECTION INTO VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	UNSPECIFIED
L87.1	L871	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	STRIPPING OF LONG SAPHENOUS VEIN

L87.2	L872	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	STRIPPING OF SHORT SAPHENOUS VEIN
L87.3	L873	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	STRIPPING OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG NEC
L87.4	L874	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	AVULSION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L87.5	L875	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	LOCAL EXCISION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L87.6	L876	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	INCISION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L87.7	L877	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	TRANSILLUMINATED POWERED PHLEBECTOMY OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L87.8	L878	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	OTHER SPECIFIED
L87.9	L879	OTHER OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	UNSPECIFIED
L88.1	L881	TRANSLUMINAL OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	PERCUTANEOUS TRANSLUMINAL LASER ABLATION/LONG SAPHENOUS VEIN
L88.2	L882	TRANSLUMINAL OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG
L88.3	L883	TRANSLUMINAL OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	PERCUTANEOUS TRANSLUMINAL LASER ABLATION OF VARICOSE VEIN OF
L88.8	L888	TRANSLUMINAL OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	OTHER SPECIFIED
L88.9	L889	TRANSLUMINAL OPERATIONS ON VARICOSE VEIN OF LEG	UNSPECIFIED