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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 the protocols in place for patient selection for thrombectomy beyond 6 hours by using CT perfusion imaging to look for salvageable brain tissue, applicable in July 2020.

You asked:

We should be grateful if you could provide us with a copy of the protocols in place for patient selection for thrombectomy beyond 6 hours by using CT perfusion imaging to look for salvageable brain tissue, applicable in July 2020.

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not have CT perfusion, for this reason we would not refer for consideration of Mechanical Thrombectomy post 6-hour onset of symptoms. (including transfer and arrival times of the patient to the referring Thrombectomy centre)

Referral for Mechanical Thrombectomy has to be within the following criteria

Patient criteria for thrombectomy

1. Pre-stroke modified Rankin score 0 – 2 and a good functional status.
2. No conditions that have very poor prognosis/limited life expectancy e.g. severe heart or renal failure, untreatable malignancy, advanced dementia.
3. NIHSS of 6 or more or posterior circulation symptoms (RLH team will be happy to discuss if there is a potentially disabling deficit with NIHSS less than 6 if there is a proven large vessel occlusion on CTA).
4. Symptom onset less than 4.5 hours.
5. Anticoagulant use does not preclude thrombectomy as an option.

This information was applicable in July 2020.