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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 Medications used in Total Joint Replacement.

You asked:

- 1. What analgesic agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery (beyond simple analgesia like paracetamol/codeine)?*
- 2. What Anti-inflammatory agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery (beyond simple agents like ibuprofen)?*
- 3. What antibiotic/antimicrobial agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery?*
- 4. Does this differ between primary and revision joint replacement surgery?*
- 5. What regional anaesthetic agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery?*
- 6. What VTE prophylaxis is offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery?*
- 7. Are any additional medications/supplements issued as part of an enhanced recovery protocol for joint replacement surgery?*
- 8. If day case joint replacement surgery is offered are there any differences to the standard joint replacement protocol you've described above?*

Trust response:

Please see the following table.

ANALGESIA

1. What analgesic agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery (beyond simple analgesia like paracetamol/codeine)?

Please detail dosage and route of administration.

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
None specifically only what patients routinely take (own medications)	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	Zomorph as first line usually 10mgs BD for 4 days post-surgery. Then wean to Co-codamol 30/500mgs. Unless opioid use increase pre op then dose increases as required. PRN oramorph 5mg -20mgs 4 -6 hourly depending on patient history, body weight/ size and requirements

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

2. What Anti-inflammatory agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery (beyond simple agents like ibuprofen)?

Please detail dosage and route of administration.

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
None specifically only what patients routinely take (own medications)	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	Ibuprofen 400mg TDS whilst inpatient or around 2-3 days

ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS

3. What antibiotic/antimicrobial agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery?

Please detail dosage and route of administration.

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
None specifically only what patients routinely take (own medications)	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	Cefuroxime 750mg IV two single stat doses at 8 hours and 16 hours post op/ first dose in theatre.

4. Does this differ between primary and revision joint replacement surgery?

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REGIONAL ANAESTHESIA

5. What regional anaesthetic agents are offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery? Please detail dosage and route of administration.

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.

VTE PROPHYLAXIS

6. What VTE prophylaxis is offered per the trust's protocol/standard practice for joint replacement surgery? Please detail dosage and route of administration.

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
Pre-assessment discuss with anaesthetist for patients on pre-op anti coagulants and decision on patient specific bases	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	<u>Daltecparin</u> dose dependant on weight whilst inpatient then Aspirin – 14 days from surgery 75mg OD oral following TKR. THR Apixaban 2.5mg BD oral 35 days from surgery (including <u>daltecparin</u> doses). AES stockings whilst inpatient and pneumatic devices.

ENHANCED RECOVERY

7. Are any additional medications/supplements issued as part of an enhanced recovery protocol for joint replacement surgery?

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.

DAY CASE JOINT REPLACEMENT

8. If day case joint replacement surgery is offered are there any differences to the standard joint replacement protocol you've described above?

Preoperatively	Intraoperatively	Post-operatively
None expect pre-op education and information. Ensure patient aware of expected same day discharge	I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.	No usually sent with MR <u>Zomorph</u> if not taking <u>pre op</u> only Oramorph 5mg -20mgs depending on weight/ size and previous analgesia and Co-codamol 30/500mg to start straight away.