FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-5
Subject: DVT Ultrasound Pathway Data

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **05/01/2026** where you requested information about **DVT Ultrasound Pathway Data.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Please provide the following information for December 2024 to November 2025, financial year 2024/25, or the most recent 12 month period available:	
Question	**Answer**
1. Scan volume	
a) Total number of lower limb duplex or Doppler ultrasound scans performed for suspected deep vein thrombosis (DVT).	Unable to complete – see below
2. Waiting times	
a) Average time from order to completion, or request to scan completion, whichever your systems record.	Unfortunately the data is not held in a way that it can be reported as is held as free text entry which we are unable to report from. There is also no way to identify for a 'suspected DVT' as they may have had the test but not clear as to why (i.e. for which type of medical issue)
b) If recorded, the number or percentage of patients who received their scan within:	
i. 4 hours	
ii. between 4 and 24 hours	
iii. between 24 and 48 hours	
iv. more than 48 hours after request	
(for example: X% within 4 hours, Y% between 4 and 24 hours, Z% more than 48 hours, etc).	
3. Overnight admissions	
a) Number admitted overnight specifically to await their scan, if recorded.	Unable to complete – see above

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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