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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – THROMBECTOMY TREATMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to thrombectomy treatment.

Question:

1. Please provide the number of patients, who were admitted with a stroke that received thrombectomy treatment in a) 2021/22, b) 2022/23, c) 2023/24, d) 2024/25, e) 2025/26
2. Please provide the number of patients, who were admitted with a stroke that did not receive thrombectomy treatment in a) 2021/22, b) 2022/23, c) 2023/24, d) 2024/25, e) 2025/26
3. Please provide the number of days, on average, those who receive thrombectomy treatment spend in hospital post-treatment in comparison to the number of days spent, on average, in hospital by those who don't receive thrombectomy treatment.

Answer:

Stroke patients with/without thrombectomy procedures by financial year

Financial year	Stroke patients with thrombectomy		Stroke patients without thrombectomy	
	Number of admissions	Mean days from operation to discharge	Number of admissions	Mean length of stay (days)
2021/22	5<	61.3	1,581	23.0
2022/23	13	34.5	1,618	23.4
2023/24	8	23.3	1,599	22.6
2024/25	24	19.5	1,595	23.7
2025/26	24	29.4	1,541	19.3

1. Stroke patients were identified using admission diagnosis codes I60.-, I61.-, I62.-, I63.-, and I64.X
2. Thrombectomy procedures were identified using OPCS4 codes L30.3, L34.3, and L35.4
3. Patients are counted in the financial year of their admission date
4. For patients who received a thrombectomy, average time from operation to discharge is calculated as mean number of whole days between operation date and discharge date
5. For patients without a thrombectomy, average LOS is calculated as mean number of whole days between admission and discharge date

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Yours sincerely

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