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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – VASCULAR ACCESS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to vascular access.

Question:

1. Does your Trust provide:
 - PICC insertion (Yes/No)
 - Midline insertion (Yes/No)
 - Totally Implantable Venous Access Device Chest/Arm insertion (Yes/No)
 - Tunnelled Central Vascular Access Devices insertion (Yes/No)
2. Who provides these procedures?
 - Dedicated Vascular Access Team
 - Interventional Radiology
 - Anaesthetics
 - OPAT Service
 - Nutrition service
 - Medical Teams
 - Nursing Teams
 - Other (please specify)
3. Who performs PICC/Midline insertions?
 - Nurses
 - Doctors
 - Radiographers
 - Other
4. Who performs TIVAD/Tunnelled VAD insertions?
 - Nurses
 - Doctors
 - Radiographers
 - Other
5. Where are PICCs/Midlines inserted? Please select all that apply:
 - Procedure room
 - Patient bedside
 - Interventional Radiology
 - Theatre

- Other (please specify)
- 6. Where are TIVAD/Tunnelled VAD inserted? Please select all that apply:
 - Procedure room
 - Patient bedside
 - Interventional Radiology
 - Theatre
 - Other (please specify)
- 7. Does your Trust have a dedicated Vascular Access Team? (Yes/No)
- 8. If yes, please provide:
 - Team composition (e.g. nurses, doctors, advanced practitioners)
 - Number of staff (WTE if available)
 - Whether the service is nurse-led, doctor-led, or jointly led
- 9. Under which department/directorate does the service sit?
- 10. If readily available, please provide the number of PICCs, Midlines, TIVAD/Tunnelled VAD inserted during the most recent complete financial year.

Answer:

1.	PICC insertions - YES Midline insertion - YES Totally Implantable Venous Access Device Chest/Arm insertion - YES Tunnelled Central Vascular Access Devices insertion - YES
2.	Interventional Radiology Anaesthetics Nursing Teams
3.	Nurses (Midlines are done by ANP's, not by Radiology) Doctors
4.	Doctors
5.	Procedure room Patient bedside (ITU/HDU patients only) Interventional Radiology Theatre
6.	Theatres Interventional Radiology
7.	No
8.	Not applicable
9.	Radiology - DATCC
10.	Fluoro Guid insert venous access port – 154 PICC Line insertion – 355 Total - 509

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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