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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 71918

I refer to your email of 13 November 2023 requesting information in relation to Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS).

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

Under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 please could you respond to the questions below:-

Postural Tachycardia Syndrome PoTS

Postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) is a neurovascular condition characterised as an abnormal response by the autonomic nervous system to upright posture. The condition causes affected patients of all ages to experience a range of symptoms requiring extensive clinical investigations involving neurology and cardiology specialties to inform a positive diagnosis.

- 1. What is your estimate of the incidence of PoTS in the population of Lincolnshire and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years?**
This information is not held by the ICB.
- 2. Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?**
This information is not held by the ICB. I would recommend you contact [United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust](https://www.lincolnshirehospitals.nhs.uk) (ULHT) directly for the information you require.

- 3. To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?**
Please see response to Question 2
- 4. Are there established ICB patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?**
Please see response to Question 2
- 5. Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.**
Please see response to Question 2
- 6. How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?**
Diagnosis is not routinely collected in Outpatients so the data will not be regularly collected at this level. For inpatient diagnosis coding is available but there is no specific code for PoTs. The list below are the Tachycardia codes:
I471 Supraventricular tachycardia
I472 Ventricular tachycardia
I479 Paroxysmal tachycardia, unspecified
R000 Tachycardia, unspecified

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

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Yours faithfully

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***On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB***