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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Vascular Access Devices (PICC, Midline, Totally Implantable Venous Access-Chest/Arm, Tunnelled Central Vascular Access Devices- non renal) and vascular access services within your Trust.

The aim is to understand how NHS Trusts currently deliver Vascular Access Devices Insertion services, including service structure, leadership, staffing and insertion practices.

I would be grateful if you could provide the information requested below:

1. Does your Trust provide:

- **PICC insertion:** Yes
- **Midline insertion:** Yes
- **Totally implantable venous access device insertion:** Chest: Yes; Arm: No
- **Tunnelled central vascular access device insertion:** Yes

2. Who provides these procedures?

- **Dedicated Vascular Access Team:** PICC and midline insertions
- **Interventional Radiology:** TIVAD and tunnelled line insertions
- **Anaesthetics:** If required, outside the Vascular Access Team's working hours
- **OPAT Service:** No
- **Nutrition service:** No
- **Medical Teams:** No
- **Nursing Teams:** No
- **Other (please specify)**

3. Who performs PICC/Midline insertions?

- **Nurses:** Nurses within the Vascular Access Team only
- **Doctors:** Anaesthetists
- **Radiographers:** No
- **Other**

4. Who performs TIVAD/Tunnelled VAD insertions?

- **Nurses:** No
- **Doctors:** Doctors within the Interventional Radiology Team
- **Radiographers:** No
- **Other**

5. Where are PICCs/Midlines inserted? Please select all that apply:

- **Procedure room:** Vascular Access Team procedure room
- **Patient bedside:** Yes, if the patient is unable to attend the procedure room
- **Interventional Radiology:** For difficult insertions only; the Vascular Access Team performs the insertion with support from Interventional Radiology
- **Theatre:** For paediatric patients, or where the patient is already undergoing surgery and line placement can be undertaken as part of the procedure
- **Other (please specify)**

6. Where are TIVAD/Tunnelled VAD inserted? Please select all that apply:

- **Procedure room:** No
- **Patient bedside:** No
- **Interventional Radiology:** Yes
- **Theatre:** No
- **Other (please specify)**

7. Does your Trust have a dedicated Vascular Access Team? Yes

8. If yes, please provide:

- **Team composition (e.g. nurses, doctors, advanced practitioners)**
Five registered nurses, one assistant practitioner and two clinical support workers
- **Number of staff (WTE if available)**
Eight staff: six full-time and two part-time.

- **Whether the service is nurse-led, doctor-led, or jointly led**
Nurse-led

9. Under which department/directorate does the service sit?

Planned Care Directorate – Cancer Services

10. If readily available, please provide the number of PICCs, Midlines, TIVAD/Tunnelled VAD inserted during the most recent complete financial year.

Not readily available.

Data for TIVAD and tunnelled VAD insertions is not held, as these procedures are not undertaken by the Vascular Access Team.

Data for PICC and midline insertions is available; however, producing figures for the full financial year would require a manual review of 12 months of Excel spreadsheets.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team