

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

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FOI Ref No 29226

Requested Information:

1. Name of the organisation and region
2. Which of the following first presentation/emergency care services does your organisation provide?
 - Type 1 A&E department (Increasingly referred to as an Emergency Department) = A consultant led 24-hour service with full resuscitation facilities and designated accommodation for the reception of accident and emergency patients.
 - Type 2 A&E department = A consultant led single service or Emergency Department (e.g. ophthalmology, dental) with designated accommodation for the reception of patients. Type 3 A&E department = These are now referred to as Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs). These are GP-led, open at least 12 hours a day, every day, offer appointments that can be booked through NHS 111 or through a GP referral, and are equipped to diagnose and deal with many of the most common ailments for which people attend A&E.
 - Type 4 Other non-UTC that continue to operate as MIUs, UCC, WICs
 - Type 5 Ambulatory Emergency Care Service
3. How many patients with pretibial injuries does your first presentation/emergency care service see annually?
4. Does your first presentation/emergency care service have a protocol/policy/pathway/clinic for the conservative (non-surgical) management of people with pretibial wounds? If yes – please specify which
5. At discharge what follow up care is provided for these patients (e.g. do you refer to: GP; Community Nurse; Community Wound Clinic; bring them back to a trust led clinic (please specify clinic type)
6. Are patients routinely assessed for suitability for compression therapy (e.g. ABPI/TBPI) in this pathway/clinic? (yes/no/don't know/refer on to other speciality for compression)

Response:

1. Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust (RCHT), Cornwall.
2. Type 1.
3. This data is not held. We apologise, but our system does not specifically code for Pretibial Injuries.
4. The emergency department does not have a specific policy / protocol for the conservative management of pretibial wounds, but it does have a patient advice

sheet (appendix one). It also has trained several of its nursing staff on the use of special dressings designed to promote healing in pretibial lacerations.

5. The ED would usually consider what options are available to someone with a pretibial wound. This may be GP practice nurse, district nurse, minor injury unit or Urgent Treatment Centre, or if the patient had specific healing needs the ED may make a referral to the specialist tissue viability service.
6. No, RCHT does not routinely do this.

Attachment(s):

Appendix One - FOI Ref 29226 Pretibial Lacerations Advice Sheet

Date Response sent: 1st July 2025