



**RE: Freedom of Information Request – DVT Ultrasound Pathway Data**

**NIAS Ref: 45965-26**

Good afternoon

Thank you for your information request however I would advise that the NIAS is a pre-hospital organisation and therefore we do not operate an acute hospital service to the public in terms of hospital specialties and ward /associated treatments. This would fall under the remit of each individual Health & Social Care Trust operating within Northern Ireland as detailed below:

- Northern Health & Social Care Trust
- Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
- Western Health & Social Care Trust
- South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust
- Southern Health & Social Care Trust

I would suggest you making contact with each of the FOI leads in the above Trust's (emails addresses will be available via their websites) and they should be able to assist you further.

The information requested is not held by the NIAS.

Kind regards

**Information Governance Officer**

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**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request – DVT Ultrasound Pathway Data

Dear Freedom of Information Team,

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information for December 2024 to November 2025, financial year 2024/25, or the most recent 12-month period available:

**1. Scan volume**

Total number of lower limb duplex or Doppler ultrasound scans performed for suspected deep vein thrombosis (DVT).



## 2. Waiting times

- a) Average time from order to completion, or request to scan completion, whichever your systems record.
- b) If recorded, the number or percentage of patients who received their scan within:
  - i. 4 hours
  - ii. between 4 and 24 hours
  - iii. between 24 and 48 hours
  - iv. more than 48 hours after request

*(for example: X% within 4 hours, Y% between 4 and 24 hours, Z% more than 48 hours, etc).*

## 3. Overnight admissions

Number admitted overnight specifically to await their scan, if recorded.

Any format is fine. If exact breakdowns are not available, please provide whatever waiting time data your systems hold with a brief note on what is measured.

Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully

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