

FOI REF: 24/740

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. Please state the type of stroke centre your trust is eg. Neuroscience centre/Comprehensive stroke centre, Acute stroke centre, Non stroke centre, etc.**

[Acute stroke centre.](#)

- 2. What is your normal imaging pathway for a patient with suspected stroke?**

[CT then CTA if patient is eligible for thrombectomy.](#)

- 3. Which of the following imaging modalities do you use as standard? Non contrast CT head, CT angiogram, CT perfusion, MR angiogram, MR DWI.**

[CT head & CTA.](#)

- 4. Do you use any AI tools? If so, please state the company and algorithm used, and the date that the algorithm was first used in your trust. Please list the clinical situations where each algorithm is used.**

[Yes, Brainomix used with CT for stroke diagnosis. Commenced approximately October 2021.](#)

- 5. Do you provide mechanical thrombectomy for stroke in your trust?**

[No.](#)

**If yes, please provide the following information:**

- a. What days/hours is this service provided**

Not applicable.

- b. **If not 24/7, do you refer patients externally and please provide details of this.**

Not applicable.

6. **How many stroke thrombectomy procedures did you perform in 2024?**

None.

7. **How many were performed in**

- a. **weekday working hours (8am-6pm),**

Not applicable.

- b. **weekend day (8am-6pm) and**

Not applicable.

- c. **overnight (6pm-8am)?**

Not applicable.

- d. **How many were performed under general anaesthesia?**

Not applicable.

8. **Please also outline the same for the year 2023 and 2022.**

- a. **weekday working hours (8am-6pm),**

Not applicable.

- b. **weekend day (8am-6pm) and**

Not applicable.

- c. **overnight (6pm-8am)?**

Not applicable.

- d. **How many were performed under general anaesthesia?**

Not applicable.

9. **For each of the following types of stroke, please list whether you offer thrombectomy, and what the time window eligibility criteria is - for example "anterior circulation large vessel - yes up to 24 hours"**

- a. **Anterior circulation - proximal/large vessel occlusion**

No.

- b. **Anterior circulation - medium vessel occlusion**

No.

- c. **Anterior circulation - distal/small vessel occlusion**

No.

- d. **Posterior circulation - proximal/large vessel occlusion**

No.

- e. **Posterior circulation - medium vessel occlusion**

No.

- f. **Posterior circulation - distal/small vessel occlusion**

No.

10. **Are there plans to increase service operating hours? Please provide details of any planned increases to the service**

Not applicable.

11. **Are you planning to increase the number of consultants to the stroke thrombectomy rota in the next 2-3 years?**

Not applicable.

- a. **Which discipline are these consultants expected to be from? (eg. vascular interventional radiology, interventional neuroradiology, neurosurgery, etc.)**

Not applicable.

12. **Do you take stroke thrombectomy referrals from other trusts? If yes, please outline the trusts that you accept referrals from**

No.

- a. **details of the referral pathway and**

Not applicable.

- b. **the times and dates you take referrals from each one**

Not applicable.

**13. Do you refer your stroke patients to other centres for thrombectomy? If so, please provide**

Yes.

**a. details of referral pathways and**

We have a clear pathway for referral to University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust in Brighton for transfer of Stroke patients that requires Thrombectomy between 8AM and 4PM (Monday – Friday).

**b. day/times**

Day/times - 8AM and 4PM ( Monday – Friday )

Out of Hours – Ongoing discussion with UCL through ISDN . On certain occasions we refer to London centres but there is no existing pathway with any London centre.

**14. How many full-time-equivalent consultants are on your stroke thrombectomy on-call rota?**

Not applicable.

**a. How many of these are interventional neuroradiologists?**

**15. Please provide the specialty of each consultant on the rota e.g. interventional neuroradiologist, vascular interventional radiologists, neurosurgeon, other (provide details)**

Not applicable.

**16. How many radiographers are on the thrombectomy on-call rota?**

Not applicable.

**17. Do the on-call radiographers have other on-call duties e.g. diagnostic radiology, vascular intervention, non-vascular intervention etc. during their shift on the on-call thrombectomy rota?**

Not applicable.

**18. How many nurses are on the thrombectomy on-call rota?**

Not applicable.

**19. Do the on-call nurses have other on-call duties e.g. diagnostic radiology, vascular intervention, non-vascular intervention etc**

Not applicable.

**20. What anaesthetic support is available for thrombectomies? Please split this for**  
**a. in hours and**

Not applicable.

**b. out of hours cases.**

Not applicable.

**For example: Dedicated anaesthetist available / Shared anaesthetic support with neurosurgery / Shared anaesthetic support with general on-call team, etc.**

**21. How many biplane fluoroscopy rooms are there in your trust?**

No.

**22. For stroke admissions, which specialty are they admitted under?**

Stroke Medicine.

**23. Are patients admitted under radiology/interventional radiology for any part of their admission?**

No.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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