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Anticoagulant Prescribing

I require information regarding the prescribing of the category of medication collectively known as anticoagulants, whether administered by the oral or parenteral route in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust during the six years commencing 1st January 2018 and ending 31 December 2023 in those aged 0-44 years.

I require the information as the total number of prescriptions issued per quarter (three month period) in the specified years and in those aged under 45 years on the date on which the prescription was issued. .

Oral anticoagulants include but are not limited to warfarin, clopidrogel, dipyridamole, phenindione, aspirin, apixaban, edoxaban, rivaroxaban etc.

Parenteral anticoagulants include but are not limited to heparin, dalteparin, enoxaparin, tinzaparin, argatroban, bivalirudin, dabigatran, urokinase, acenocoumarol etc.

Belfast Health Trust is unable to provide a response to the request as this information is not available prior to the introduction of electronic prescribing and administration with Encompass in June 2024.
Paper systems were used previously.