



## DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (DVT) SERVICE SPECIFICATION

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Service Specification forms the Local Enhanced Service (LES) for a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) primary care pathway.

This Service Specification works towards meeting the Scottish Government priorities and NHS Annual Delivery Plan (ADP): Outcome 4, Anchor well, Outcome 9, Care well, Outcome 14, Age well and Outcome 11, Respond Well.

## 2 CLINICAL SPECIFICATION

### Purpose

The purpose of this LES is to maintain an integrated care pathway for patients with suspected and confirmed DVT. Provide access to early DVT diagnosis and treatment through primary care resulting in proactive patient centred care, supported by the wider system.

### Service Aims

To deliver a community-based service for the identification and treatment of DVT including:

- Pre-test scoring, initial diagnosis, referral and presumptive treatment pending scan; treatment of patients with confirmed DVT ensuring access to patient information; and management of patients with negative Ultrasound Scan (USS) results in primary care setting.

### Service Criteria

Taking account of available evidence (SIGN Guidelines and Wells Criteria) together with local clinical dialogue and process mapping, NHS Highland has developed the following:

- ✓ Clinical decision algorithm for suspected lower limb DVT
- ✓ Direct USS Booking for GPs/Clinician
- ✓ Clinical Pathway and Protocol for suspected and confirmed DVT including diagnosis, treatment and management
- ✓ Assessment and Referral Form for investigation of lower limb DVT
- ✓ Patient Information

To provide safe and effective care for patients with suspected and confirmed DVT, clinicians should routinely adhere to the Pathway and Protocol.

The Assessment and Referral forms in links below, and patient information leaflets should also be used.

### Enhanced service requirement

#### By 1 October 2024, the practice must:

Provide to the primary care team the following information:

Name and email address of service lead.

Ensure the correct clinical coding and template is used to ensure compliance with the recording and monitoring requirements of the LES.

### Useful Links

[Suspected Deep Vein Thrombosis \(DVT\) requiring Raigmore Hospital doppler ultrasound \(Primary Care\) \(Guidelines\) | Right Decisions \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

<https://rightdecisions.scot.nhs.uk/m/2781/dvt-assessment-and-referral-for-investigation-of-lower-limb.pdf>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng158>

### Recording Information

The following read codes will be used for monitoring and payment purposes:

Only 1 read code is required to claim under this LES, the others are used to support clinical care and audit.

Read code	Screen description	Read code description	When to be used
9kg0	Primary care DVT pathway	Deep vein thrombosis stage 1 service level - enhanced services administration (procedure)	All patients being identified as potential DVT and being treated under the DVT LES - <b>claim</b>
388z	DVT - Wells score	Wells deep vein thrombosis clinical probability score	Recording of Wells score - audit
G801D	DVT lower limb confirmed	Deep venous thrombosis of lower limb	Used to record diagnosis - audit
88A5	Anticoagulation therapy started	Anticoagulation therapy	Used to record anticoagulation therapy pending scan result - audit
58580	Doppler studies normal	Doppler studies normal	Doppler studies normal - audit

### 3 QUALITY

The service provided should be General Medical Services plus the LES component outlined in this specification. The care provided should in line with guidelines noted above.

### 4 FINANCE & SERVICE PRICING

#### Contract value

Payment per registered patient treated for suspected or actual DVT in primary care.

Payment - **£207.73** per patient.