

## VTE AWARD

### Work in VTE Prevention

#### BRONGLAIS GENERAL HOSPITAL

##### Sustained compliance to VTE Risk Assessment and VTE Prevention

Bronglais General Hospital is one of four acute sites within the Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) that provides scheduled and unscheduled care services for the population of Ceredigion.

Historically, investigations around hospital acquired thrombosis (HAT) incidents have shown that risk assessment was variable and so work to audit and improve VTE risk assessment compliance is a continuous process.

In 2020, the Health Board made significant strides to improve VTE risk assessment practices working to engage collaborative engagement across all clinical teams leading to a strong commitment towards patient safety.

These included:

- The redesign of the VTE risk assessment based on clinical feedback.
- Promotion of the All Wales e-learning module.
- Development of a thromboprophylaxis policy and demonstrated a responsive and adaptive approach.

Monitoring and support:

- Monthly spot checks of patient notes across specialities.
- Data related to HAT investigations is shared with clinical leads and at local governance meetings.
- Follow-up quality improvement support is provided where there has been a potentially preventable HAT.

Leadership has been key to the drive and improvements made in this setting.

Risk assessment audits indicate increasing VTE assessment being undertaken and Bronglais maintains a median of one HAT investigation per month and has only identified one potentially avoidable case in two years.

Pharmacy colleagues provide VTE risk training to all new clinicians and a junior doctor is present at every whole hospital meeting.

Between October 2024-January 2025, HDUHB approved new patient information leaflets in English and Welsh, making these available in poster, paper copies and on digital platforms for staff to download.

There is now confidence that patients admitted to Bronglais General Hospital will routinely have a completed VTE risk assessment and appropriate prescribing of thromboprophylaxis during their admission.

