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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4142

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 04th December 2019.

Your request was as follows:

1. For each of the financial years 2015/16 to 2019/20:

a. How many of your patients had an indwelling urinary catheter (also called a Foley catheter)H placed or were admitted with a urinary catheter in situ?

b. How many patients with an indwelling urinary catheter got a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)?

c. How many cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection?

1.a.& 1.c. I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate information regarding the amount of patients that have had an indwelling urinary catheter, or the amount of cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection. Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

1.b. 2015/2016=27

2016/2017= 32

2017/2018=23

2018/2019=16

2019/2020=10 to date

1.c. N/A - as above.

2. Do you track where CAUTIs originate i.e. the hospital Trust or in the community?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust we do track where CAUTIs originate.

3. Does your Trust follow guidance or protocols for:

- a. The recognition, diagnosis and treatment of a CAUTI? If so, please indicate what these are.
- b. Urinary Catheter selection, insertion and ongoing care? If so, please indicate what these are.
- c. What processes does the Trust have in place to ensure practical adherence to the guidelines in a) and b)? How does the Trust monitor these processes?

3.a. Antimicrobial formulary

3.b. Saving Lives and The Prevention of CAUTI policy.

3.c. Saving Lives, Point Prevalence and Antimicrobial Stewardship.

4. How many prescriptions of antimicrobials/antibiotics were dispensed in each of the financial years from 2015/16 to 2019/20 in relation to a CAUTI?
 - a. How many different antimicrobials/antibiotics were used?
 - b. Are these antimicrobials/antibiotics used to treat other infections

4. & 4a) I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate information about the indication for medicines dispensed in relation to specific conditions. Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

b) All of the antibiotics potentially used for catheter associated UTI might also be used for other infections as well.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4142 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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