

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-738

3 January 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. Does your Infection Prevention and Control team and/or your Microbiology team monitor catheter acquired urinary tract infection (CAUTI) rates independently of the NHS Safety Thermometer information?
No. The Trust reports E.coli bacteraemia and tries to identify if the source of the bacteraemia was urinary catheter related.
2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?
The Trust does not hold this information. It is not possible separately calculate the cost of CAUTIs as patients have other medical conditions as well.
3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.
 - a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?
 - b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?
The Trust has antibiotic protocols in place and policies for management and insertion of catheters. The Trust introduced a catheter passport in November. There is not a specific person responsible for CAUTIs, the Chief Nurse is responsible for all clinical quality issues. Please see attached the Trust's Urinary Catheterisation policy for your information.
4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs? None.
 - a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions? No.
 - b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?
Unable to answer this. – N/A.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above 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 Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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