

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-737

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. 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?
The Trust does not monitor where the catheters were placed. Please refer to the Safety Thermometer for patients that have come in with catheters:
https://www.safetythermometer.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com_dashboard&view=dashboard&id=6&Itemid=170
 - b. How many patients with an indwelling urinary catheter got a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)?
Please refer to the catheter thermometer.
 - c. How many cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection?
The Trust does not record this information.
2. Do you track where CAUTIs originate i.e. the hospital Trust or in the community?
This would be part of the Safety Thermometer.
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.
Urinary Catheterisation Policy and Posters. Please see attached the Trust's policy.
 - b. Urinary Catheter selection, insertion and ongoing care? If so, please indicate what these are.
The Trust has a Urinary catheterisation policy and a Catheter care plan.

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?
Please see, [monitoring table in the attached policy](#). An audit is anticipated in the next three months.

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?

The Trust does not hold this information. Medication used for CAUTI may also be used for other infections. Identifying CAUTI patients and looking through their notes to identify which antibiotics they had would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act.

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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