

Date: 31 August 2018

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 177-2018**

Thank you for your email dated 7th August 2018, requesting various information in relation to CAUTI.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. **What is the average length of time per patient to change a Foley catheter?**

**No current data, however, historic data suggests that this is heavily dependent on the type of catheter, short-term are changed every 28 days and long term every 2-3 months. Unfortunately, it is not possible to give an average as each patient is different and catheters may need to be changed due to infection, malfunction, damage, treatment etc.**

2. **Of those patients who have a Foley catheter, what proportion do you estimate will develop a CAUTI?**

**No current data and depends on denominator but most recent retrospective data suggests 6% of catheterised patient may develop a CAUTI. The most recent rate of CAUTI is 0.88 per 100 catheter days or 11 per 100 catheterised patients.**

3. **How many patients today have a CAUTI in your Trust?**

**Data not available as ongoing surveillance is not currently in progress. Individual patients with a CAUTI are managed by the clinician in charge of their care.**

4. **On average (in days), when does the patient develop a CAUTI?**

**Data not available and subject to a high degree of variability depending on the individual patient's risk factors.**

5. **How many times a day (24 hours) do you assist patients with a CAUTI?**

**Data not available, some patients with CAUTI may have other significant underlying problems requiring intensive nursing care whereas others may be largely able to manage with minimal nursing care. It therefore depends on the needs of the individual patient.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

**In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>**