

Date: 17 December 2018

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 188-2018

Thank you for your email dated 21st November 2018, providing clarification with regards to the request mentioned above.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. What is the average length of time per patient to assist with a CAUTI?

Information not held - Data is not available as some patients with CAUTI may have other significant underlying problems requiring intensive nursing care.

2a. How many nosocomial CAUTIs were there in your trust last year?

Information not held- This information is not routinely recorded

2b. What is your position on the safety thermometer for CAUTI?

Safety thermometer does not measure CAUTI – it measures probable urinary tract infection in catheterised patients these may not be linked. For example - the patient may have a urinary tract infection before the catheter is inserted so the catheter did not cause the infection. We complete Safety Thermometer on a monthly basis; however, this does not represent CAUTI.

3. What 3 main actions have the trust deployed or is planning to deploy to reduce nosocomial CAUTIs?

- We introduced surveillance in 2012 to monitor catheterised patients
- We standardised urinary catheter care by introducing catheter insertion packs, HOUDINI review and standard care plans and patient information leaflet with integral catheter passport.

- **Our current focus is to improve hydration messages to patients.**

4. **What is the impact on increased length of stay for an average patient in your trust with a CAUTI – how many days on average?**

Information not held – This is subject to a high degree of variability depending on the individual patient’s risk factors and underlying disease.

5. **What is the increased per patient cost of a nosocomial CAUTI? (e.g. extended hospital stay, nursing time, drug treatment, bed blocking etc.)**

Information not held

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.

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