

Date: 23 December 2019

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 353 - 2019

Thank you for your email dated the 4th December 2019, requesting information relating to Foley Catheters and CAUTI.

The information that you require 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?

Please see table below

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

Please see table below

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

Please see table below

Please note, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 our Trust is unable to release all of the information requested. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust (CCC) is a relatively small Trust and by providing this level of detail where the number of patients is less than or equal to five increases any 'potential' risk of this data becoming identifiable information and thereby contravening one or more of the Data Protection Principles by releasing it into the public domain. Confidentiality is expected in such matters. This information is therefore exempt under Section 40: Personal Information, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The areas where this exemption has been applied are shown below:

Request	No. of Patients				
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
1a. Catheter Insitu: Catheter New:	6	15	33	42	24
	41	34	39	42	13
1b. Catheter UTI:	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40
	8	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	7	Exempt under S.40
1c. Catheter Infection:	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	16	7	17	8	Exempt under S.40
	Exempt under S.40	0	0	Exempt under S.40	Exempt under S.40
	Exempt under S.40	6	Exempt under S.40	6	Exempt under S.40

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

The Trust does not record this information

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.

The Trust does not have a formal protocol for the recognition, diagnosis and treatment of CAUTI and is dependent on the clinical presentation of the patient and microbiology results

b. Urinary Catheter selection, insertion and ongoing care? If so, please indicate what these are.

The Trust follows the epic 3 (national infection prevention and control guideline) best practice for all including use of standardised practice, training, catheter packs. High Impact Intervention monitoring reduction of catheter duration no unnecessary insertion etc.

- 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?

The Trust undertake:

- monthly catheter point prevalence audits
- matrons undertake documentation spot checks

Clinical staff undertake:

- High impact Intervention monitoring
- Standardised assessment documentation
- Standardised catheter care plan
- Ongoing daily catheter checks

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? Following a scoping exercise, it has become evident that in order to meet the full requirements of this question, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. This information is not held centrally and would therefore require a member of staff to manually check each individual patient for the time period and extract the information requested. It is estimated that this would take far in excess of 18 hours.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit', which for local authorities is £450, or 18 hours (at £25 per hour). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days locating the documents that contain the information and extracting the relevant information containing it. This would take considerable time and cost which we estimate will exceed the "appropriate limit".

- a. How many different antimicrobials/antibiotics were used?

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- b. **Are these antimicrobials/antibiotics used to treat other infections?** Following a scoping exercise, it has become evident that in order to meet the full requirements of this question, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. This information is not held centrally and would therefore require a member of staff to manually check each individual patient for the time period and extract the information requested. It is estimated that this would take far in excess of 18 hours.

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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>