

Date: 3 February 2020

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 354 - 2019

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

The information that you require 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?**

Yes

2. **What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?**

This level of information is not recorded by the Trust

3. **Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.**

Catheter associated UTI reduction was based on ongoing catheter surveillance and introduction of best practice with education, patient and staff information, catheter passports, standardised catheter packs, care planning and assessment documentation, High Impact Intervention monitoring and HOUDINI

- a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?

Director of Nursing & Quality

- b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?

2011- educational intervention, practice standardised catheter packs, introduction of passports and patient information. Reduction in unnecessary catheters and generally low level of avoidable Catheter associated UTI

4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs?

- a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions?

Not Applicable

- b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?

We currently use sterile catheterisation packs and our practice is in line with HOUDINI and epic guidelines. In addition to these we use a bladder scanner (to establish the need to catheterise)

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.