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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

I would like to request the following information under the freedom of information act.

Can you please tell provide me with the information for the following years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (up to the date this request was received), in monthly breakdowns:

1a. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic -shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome;

1b. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome;

Question 1a and 1b – please see attached

2a. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust for 2016-17 and 2015-16, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process;

2b. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust for 2016-17 and 2015-16, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process;

3. Of questions 2a and 2b, please identify the number of investigations that related to a death outcome and the number that related to a harm outcome.

Refusal Notice. The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Regulation 4(3) of the Fees Regulations states that a public authority can only take into account the costs it reasonably expects to incur in carrying out the following permitted activities in complying with the request:

- ☐ determining whether the information is held;
- ☐ locating the information, or a document containing it;
- ☐ retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- ☐ extracting the information from a document containing it.

All public authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour.

This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded if it would require more than 18 hours work for all public authorities.

In order to extract the information it would be necessary to interrogate our Datix system to see if an incident was recorded related specifically to antibiotics

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF