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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:

Public Health England defines an outbreak as:

- an incident in which two or more people experiencing a similar illness are linked in time or place • a greater than expected rate of infection compared with the usual background rate for the place and time where the outbreak has occurred
- a single case for certain rare diseases such as diphtheria, botulism, rabies, viral haemorrhagic fever or polio
- a suspected, anticipated or actual event involving microbial or chemical contamination of food or water

Please specify how your trust defines an outbreak.

As above

In the last five years, please list each outbreak the trust has declared due to the following organisms:

- Vancomycin-resistant enterococci **None**
- Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) **None**
- Extended-spectrum β -lactamase (ESBLs) producing Gram-negative bacteria **None**
- Carbapenem resistant enterobacteriaceae **1**
- Carbapenemase producing organism **as above**
- Drug resistant Acinetobacter **None**
- Drug resistant pseudomonas **None**

For each case please specify

-The organism causing the outbreak (eg for carbapenemase producing organisms specify Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase)

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- Date the outbreak was declared and date it was declared over **Yes declared, 28/11/16 – 6/12/16**
- Number of confirmed cases and number of probable cases **2 same rio-btyping**
- Description of control measures, eg whether wards were closed, patients put in isolation rooms, hydrogen peroxide vapour used to clean rooms etc. For ward closures please give details of ward type and size (eg 30-bed renal ward) **Patients were transferred into isolation rooms and the ward was terminally cleaned with Sochlor, followed by Hydrogen peroxide vapour of the ward. The ward consist 3 bays, 1x 10 beds and 2x 7 beds 3 side rooms.**
- Whether the outbreak was reported to Public Health England, and if so, the date it was reported **Yes, reported to Public Health England Greater Manchester on 28/10/16**
- Date audit report, outbreak investigation, infection control committee report (or equivalent report) was published **Commissioner SIGN committee closed down the StEIS report on the 25 June 2015**
- Number of bed days lost **24. 5 - 7 beds x 3 days**
- Number of patient deaths **0**

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,



Rob Forster
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance & Informatics

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