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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS ACT 2000

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

You asked:

1. *Please supply me with your most up to date wound care formulary (please indicate if you do not work from a formulary).*

Please find attached

2. *Please can you outline how compliance with your formulary is enforced?*

Only Tissue Viability Nurses (TVN) order from the formulary for medicine.

Surgery use the formulary and contact TVN if there is any requirement to order off formulary.

Q 3 – 5. Please see attached and note below

3. *Please indicate where possible what your average monthly usage of each product is.*

4. *Can you list the number of wound care products used that are not currently on the formulary?*

5. *Can you provide usage levels for non-formulary wound care products in each of the last twelve months?*

6. *How often do you review your wound care formulary and when was this last undertaken?*

The formulary has been reviewed every 5 years historically. Next review due 2017

From then we would hope to reevaluate every 2 years.

7. *Can you provide an overview of the information you assess when reviewing your formulary?*

A sample of each category of product available within the NHS supplies chain is reviewed by TVN and wound care link nurses. This includes product effectiveness, ease of use/ application, availability of sizes, cost and

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patient feedback where applicable. The information is collated and discussed with procurement to formulate a working formulary. It is the clinical feedback and product effectiveness that determines availability as long as cost has been addressed.

8. *Can you supply the number of tissue viability nurses employed in*

- i. 2016 - one band 7 full time*
- ii. 2015 - one band 7 full time*
- iii. 2014 - one band 7 full time*
- iv. 2013 - one band 7 full time*
- v. 2012 - one band 7 part time one band 6 part time*

9. *Can you supply the number of leg ulcer nurses employed in*

- i. 2016 TVN role (1)*
- ii. 2015 TVN role (1)*
- iii. 2014 TVN role (1)*
- iv. 2013 TVN role (1)*
- v. 2012 TVN role (1)*

10. *What percentage of your practice nurses received specialist training in wound management in:*

- i. 2016 N/A acute trust*
- ii. 2015 N/A acute trust*
- iii. 2014 N/A acute trust*
- iv. 2013 N/A acute trust*
- v. 2012 N/A acute trust*

11 – 14 Please see attached and note below

11. *Can you supply us with the figures for your total spend on wound care products in*

- i. 2015*
- ii. 2014*
- iii. 2013*
- iv. 2012*
- v. 2012*

12. *Can you supply us with the figures for your total spend on compression bandages in*

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- i. 2015
- ii. 2014
- iii. 2013
- iv. 2012
- v. 2012

13. Can you supply us with the figures for your total spend on Anti-Microbial wound care products in

- i. 2015
- ii. 2014
- iii. 2013
- iv. 2012
- v. 2012

14. Can you supply us with the figures for your total spend hosiery products in

- i. 2015
- ii. 2014
- iii. 2013
- iv. 2012
- v. 2012

15. Do you have a strategy in place to implement NICE Guideline 179- Pressure ulcers: prevention and management of pressure ulcers?

There is evidence of strong executive commitment to zero tolerance of hospital acquired pressure ulcers.

TVN attends Harm free care monthly to give report and identify discuss any concerns.

All incidents are displayed on the open and honest report issued by the trust.

There is a comprehensive pressure ulcer prevention policy in place (due for review April 2017), which is accessible via trust intranet for all staff. (Includes SOP for maintenance of static mattress/ and disposal of static mattress)

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All pressure ulcers community/ Hospital acquired are recorded on our Trust Incidents database and the incident is reviewed by TVN.

Grade 3/4 present on admission are considered for safeguarding review as well as any hospital acquired ulcers which are subjected to safeguarding review as standard.

Any serious harm grade 3/4 pressure ulcer is discussed at SIRC and action plans evaluated for their effectiveness and improvement monitored.

Patients have risk assessment completed on admission and along the patient journey. This includes nutrition, moving and handling falls risk, waterlow and skin integrity.

Neonates, infants and children have risk assessment completed specialised to their needs.

Rapid review and root cause analysis are completed for all hospital acquired pressure ulcers.

SSkin bundle in place for ongoing management and care for all patients at risk or with injury.

High risk mattresses are available and there is a structured guide available for staff to follow.

Equipment available via TVN for off-loading heels for example heel boots/ gel pads

Wards stock gutter splints

Specialist bariatric equipment, beds and mattresses are available.

Access to TVN to support assessment and management of patients.

Structured educational programmes available to all staff throughout the year, specifically related to pressure ulcer prevention and management.

All staff have education at induction and then at core skills for updates.

TVN available for ward support and 1:1 development.

Each ward has nominated link nurse and there are monthly meetings to discuss areas of concern or good progress and sharing of information, including teaching and further education sessions.

16. Can you provide details on how the NICE Guidelines is implemented and how you monitor compliance?

Please note above.

SSkin bundle is audited 6 monthly, this includes waterlow score

Mattresses audit annually

Mattress selection audited 6 monthly

Staff attendance on education days is recorded and available to training and development

Individual/ ward education/ support is kept locally with ward manager and TVN

All incidents discussed at Harm Free care with trust executives monthly and minuted

All data is captured by business intelligence monthly as inputted by TVN

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17. Can you supply the total number of patients in each of the last five calendar years that had

- i. Level 1 pressure ulcers
- ii. Level 2 pressure ulcers
- iii. Level 3 pressure ulcers
- iv. Level 4 pressure ulcers

Please see the attached.

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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