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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.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please could you provide me with information on the following data from your trust:

- number of patients with a bacteraemia from an antibiotic resistant microbe.

As all bacteria are resistant to some antibiotics we have provided the total number of positive blood cultures for each year

2014/15 = 486
2015/16 = 534
2016/17 = 590

- number of patients with a UTI from an antibiotic resistant microbe

Where possible this should refer to any organism displaying antibiotic resistance but if the scope is too wide could it please focus on the following organism (plus any similar organisms deemed of relevance):

1. *Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)*
2. *Vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE)*
3. *Extended-spectrum Enterobacteriaceae (ESBL-E)*
4. *Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)*

Please provide the information above for each of the past three financial years - 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17

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 fulfil this request each consultant would be required to review each potential case. As the Trust has approximately 100 positive results per day this would be in excess of the 18 hour time limit.

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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