

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- **Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.**

Please see answer below.

- **Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)**
  - **at what frequency (i.e. daily, weekly)**
  - **and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)**

The beds are cleaned in situ on the wards on a daily basis. There is no dedicated bed cleaning facility within the Trust. This cleaning task is undertaken in a combined approach where Nursing teams clean the mattress and the bed base. The domestic assistant cleans the frequently touched areas and the bed base. There is a bed cleaning team which cleans the beds in communal areas and ensures any beds transferred into a clinical area is clean. The beds are tagged with a four-week cycle depicting 4 colours so at a moment's glance ensuring that the weekly clean has been undertaken. Where we have a CDT + patient discharged the bed and patient equipment is cleaned and treated to a Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour decontamination clean (HPV) Cleaning frequencies are located at the entrances of the clinical areas.

The beds are cleaned with a 1000 ppm Sochlor cleaning solution daily and beds are "pulled out" twice a week removing bioburden where possible where there is an outbreak identified by the IPC team there is a second stage cleaning procedure put in place where all horizontal surfaces within the clinical areas.

- **Please provide the trust's C-diff status - i.e. under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory**

Under trajectory

- **Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England**

None completed therefore not applicable

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Rabina Tindale  
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