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Response Due: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 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:

**1. How many patients received a urinary catheter in each of the following calendar years:**

- a. 2023
- b. 2022
- c. 2021

The Trust does not code for every patient who has received a catheter. E.g., if a catheter has been inserted during a larger procedure, this would not be coded during that episode. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

**2. How many Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**

- a. 2023
- b. 2022
- c. 2021

The Trust identifies potential CAUTI patients through coding, patient notes and certain antibiotic usage. Therefore, it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

**3. How many urinary tract infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**

- a. 2023 – 2,483
- b. 2022 – 2,417
- c. 2021 – 2,290

4. **What was the total cost of urinary tract infections in each of the following calendar years:**
- a. **2023** = £4,978,969 (please note the Trusts data is recorded in financial years (2022/23))
  - b. **2022** = £3,765,265 (please note the Trusts data is recorded in financial years (2021/22))
  - c. **2021** = Unable to identify as the primary diagnosis was not available in the previous system.

5. **How many prescriptions were dispensed in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**
- a. **2023**
  - b. **2022**
  - c. **2021**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

6. **How many patients received antibiotics in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**
- a. **2023**
  - b. **2022**
  - c. **2021**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

7. **How many patients received two or more antibiotics in relation to a single Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**
- a. **2023**
  - b. **2022**
  - c. **2021**

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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,



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PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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