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Date: 11th February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you provide answers to the following:

These questions refer to any existing technology that is employed when treating CAUTIs, e.g. silver-tip catheters or bladder screening devices.

- 1. Does your Infection Prevention and Control team and/or your Microbiology team monitor catheter acquired urinary tract infection (CAUTI) rates independently of the NHS Safety Thermometer information?**

No, not routinely.

- 2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?**

We do not hold this information.

- 3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.**

Yes, these include:

We carry out a RCA on each healthcare associated GNBSI (since April 2019) and follow up on any learning identified with action plans etc.

Established new Trust Catheter Group; first meeting was in November 2019.

Designed and issued poster guidance (aligned to the policies) Trust wide to manage suspected UTIs in over 65's.

Take part in annual borough wide catheter audit and feedback results to clinical teams.

Catheter passport updated in line with new national passport.

a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?

Clinical team members

b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?

Since April 2019, too early to tell the overall impact.

4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs? None

a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions? No

b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented? N/A

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,



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