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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.

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Please provide me with the following information for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17:

1a) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic -shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that **received** intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome.

Received intravenous antibiotics within the hour	15/16	16/17
Died in hospital	76	94
Total Patients	286	489

1b) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that **did not receive** intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome.

Did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour	15/16	16/17
Died in hospital	8	12
Total Patients	64	96

2a) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that **received** intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process.

2b) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that **did not receive** intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process.

3) Of questions 2a and 2b, please identify the number of investigations that related to a death outcome and the number that related to a harm outcome.

Question 2 and 3. 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.

To provide the information requested would require a manual review of each of these cases to identify which ones would meet the specifics of your FOI request.

4) Please also state whether CQUIN compliance rates for Sepsis Screening and/or Antibiotics compliance has been renegotiated by the Trust. If so, please give details of the change in the agreed rate of compliance and what year this was made.

Where possible, please provide the data in an excel spreadsheet or word document. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

1. 2015/16 - local targets have been agreed for quarter 2 (70% screening and 67% antibiotic administration) and quarter 3 (80% screening and 70% antibiotics within one hour). This is as per national guidance with national target of 90% for both elements for quarter 4 (emergency departments only in 2015/16 as per national guidance).
2. 2016/17 - screening in emergency departments targets were 90% for each quarter as per national guidance, for antibiotic administration in emergency departments targets were 84% (quarter 1), 86% (quarter 2), 88% (quarter 3) and 90% (quarter 4). Local targets were agreed for quarters 1-3.
3. 2016/17 – For screening and antibiotic administration on inpatient wards there was no numerical target in quarter 1 (as per national guidance), 70% in quarter 2, 80% in quarter 3 and 90% in quarter 4.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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