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I am responding to your request for information received 4 December 2019. I would like to sincerely apologise for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Manager

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Request:

Question 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?

Answer: No.

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

Answer: The Trust does not record the cost of CAUTIs as a standalone cost and therefore cannot respond to your this question.

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

Answer The Trust provides catheter training to relevant staff which includes catheter hygiene, aseptic technique and CAUTI prevention. This includes catheter care and hygiene taught to patients/carers.

Question 3a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?

Answer The Continence service team leads are responsible for providing catheter training.

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

Answer: Since December 2018

Question 4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs?

Answer Use of Farcofill, suby G uro trainer,)0.02% Polihexanide(PHMB) chlorhexidine (1:5000)

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

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

Answer: Assessment and possible change of the type of catheter.