

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 23 June 2021 which you clarified on 5 July 2021. 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

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

Question 1. How many Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI) have there been in the last 2 years?

Clarification: HAI refers to all healthcare associated infections such as: C Diff, Candida Auris, E coli, MRSA, VRE, pseudomonas, Norovirus, SARS- CoV-2, influenza, etc.

We are looking for data on infections that people get while receiving treatment at a healthcare facility, like a hospital, or from a healthcare professional, like a doctor or a nurse.

Question 2. What are the types of HAIs?

Question 3. What is the cost per HAI?

Question 4. What would be a reasonable cost per room for disinfection?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 1-3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review the records individually to establish the infection and the cost as it is not held in a central location.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

Question 5. How long does it take to turn over a room?

Question 6. What percentage of surfaces get disinfected during a room turnover?

Question 7. What log reduction is expected for surface disinfection?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 5-7 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health and community health trust and does not hold the information requested.