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Thank you for your request for information received 4th December 2019. I am sorry for the delay in responding to you. 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 Coordinator

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Request:

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

For each of the financial years 2015/16 to 2019/20:

Question 1a. How many of your patients had an indwelling urinary catheter (also called a Foley catheter) H placed or were admitted with a urinary catheter in situ?

Question 1b. How many patients with an indwelling urinary catheter got a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)?

Question 1c. How many cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection?

Answer: For questions 1a-1c, the Trust does not record this information therefore this information is not held.

Question 2. Do you track where CAUTIs originate i.e. the hospital Trust or in the community?

Answer: The Trust does not track where CAUTIs originated. In order to establish where CAUTIs originate, staff would need to scrutinise each clinical record. That being the case, the Trust is unable to comply with 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.

Does your Trust follow guidance or protocols for:

Question 3a. The recognition, diagnosis and treatment of a CAUTI? If so, please indicate what these are.

Question 3b. Urinary Catheter selection, insertion and ongoing care? If so, please indicate what these are.

Question 3c. What processes does the Trust have in place to ensure practical adherence to the guidelines in a) and b)? How does the Trust monitor these processes?

Answer: For questions 3a-3c, this is contained in the Trust's Adult Urinary Catheter Insertion and Management policy (attached) which gives direction to staff on catheter management, recognition and treatment of infections.

Question 4a. How many prescriptions of antimicrobials/antibiotics were dispensed in each of the financial years from 2015/16 to 2019/20 in relation to a CAUTI?

Question 4b. How many different antimicrobials/antibiotics were used?

Question 4c. Are these antimicrobials/antibiotics used to treat other infections?

Answer: For questions 4a-4c, the Trust does not record this information therefore this information is not held.