

Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-736

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Catheters.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in questions 5, 6, and 7 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 How many patients have received a indwelling catheter in each of the calendar years a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018?**

A1 Please see below:

2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
1835	1791	2439	6065

**Q2 How many patients have suffered a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection in each of the following calendar years?**

A2 Please see below: note this is the number of patients who have been identified as having either a CAUTI when admitted or developed a CAUTI whilst in hospital. We are not able to distinguish between the two.

UTI Type	2016	2017	2018	Grand
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				<b>Total</b>
CAUTIs	59	78	70	207

**Q3 How many patients have suffered a Urinary Tract Infection in each of the following calendar years a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018?**

A3 Please see below: note this is the number of patients who have been identified as having either a UTI when admitted or developed a UTI whilst in hospital. We are not able to distinguish between the two.

UTI Type	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
UTIs	6413	5997	7051	19461

**Q4 The total cost of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018?**

A4 Information is not held as we are unable to split out the cost of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections.

**Q5 The total number of prescriptions dispensed in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018?**

A5 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

**Q6 Total number of patients receiving antibiotics in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018?**

A6 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

**Q7 Number of patients receiving two or more antibiotics in relation to a single Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018**

A7 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle  
**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**