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Date: 20th January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 23rd December 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information. Over the last 12 months:

1. How many anaphylactic events in your trust have been attributed to a Vascular Access device?

None for Vascular Access Devices inserted by the Vascular Access Service.

2. [In follow up to the above question] What was the cause of anaphylaxis?

N/A.

3. How many patients have been admitted to the trust with a confirmed Chlorhexidine allergy diagnosis?

This information is not centrally recorded as there is no specific coding for a Chlorhexidine allergy. If recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

4. What are the current Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI) rates across the trust?

Based on devices inserted by the Vascular Access Service (data to end of June):

PICC infections 10 confirmed infections from 997 PICC insertions = 1.00% infection rate

Or 10.03% per 1000 PICC bed days

Midline infections 0 confirmed

The Trust only records infection rates for devices inserted by our service, there are a small number of infections with devices inserted by other trusts that are not recorded.

5. What is the average length of stay for patients admitted to ITU / Critical Care?

4.87 days. *12-month period ending 31st December.

6. What is the typical peak pressure for the CT Power Injectors that the trust Radiology department requires when injecting contrast media for patients having a CT scan?

Between 150-200 PSI.

7. What is the current device failure rate for all Vascular Access devices?

The Trusts Electronic Patient Record system does not allow retrieval of this specific data, therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

8. How frequently do patients require Acute Haemodialysis in ITU / Critical Care?

Between 01/01/24 – 31/12/24, 409 patients, 44 of which received RRT.

Clarification 1: Please can you clarify what is meant by “failure” in question 7?

Answer: Failure as in the vascular device in the patient has stopped functioning properly (flushing / aspirating etc.) so the device has to be placed with a new device.

Clarification 2: The service manages both intensive care and high dependency patients, is this request relating to all patients or one group?

Answer: All patients.

Clarification 3: Can you also confirm the time frame/period in regard to question 8 please?

Answer: For the last 12 months.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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