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Response Due: 19th November 2024

Date: 18th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would like to request copies of the following documents:

1. Trust Policy(s) that include the procedure for contacting positive CPE results to patients and healthcare professionals.

All results, irrespective of type are confirmed by the testing laboratory and are communicated via laboratory reporting systems. It is the responsibility of the test/ investigation requestor to follow-up the result, communicate to the patient and take actions as indicated. Ward area clinicians access the reporting system for the results. The Trust cannot identify if there is a specific policy that articulates this.

2. All versions of patient information materials relating to CPE carriage and/or CPE infection. Please see attached.

Please can I receive these documents in editable formats (Word, Publisher, etc.). If this is not possible, then PDF can be supplied.

3. In addition, please can you provide the following information. I have provided a table below for ease.

Information Requested	Response
Total number of patients identified with	11
CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24	11.

(financial year 23/24)	
The total number of patients provided	Patients should be provided with an information leaflet
with information relating to CPE in the	following confirmation of the result. This will involve an
period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial	additional activity, to review patient notes for the period
year 23/24)	specified.
Has a patient/public group been	
involved in developing or reviewing the	Yes
CPE materials?	
Total number of beds in the Trust.	Day case = 247.
Total number of beds in the Trust.	Day case = 247. Inpatient = 631.
Total number of beds in the Trust.	
Total number of beds in the Trust.	Inpatient = 631.
Total number of beds in the Trust.	Inpatient = 631. Total = 878.*
Total number of beds in the Trust. Total number of hospital admissions in	Inpatient = 631. Total = 878.* *Across Boston House, Leigh Infirmary, Royal Albert
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Clarification: Please can you confirm whether by "patients identified" you mean infection or colonisation?

Answer: Numbers identified would be both infection and colonisations. However, the documents relating to contacting patients and the patient information provided would be more related to policies and procedures for the screening of CPE.

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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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111