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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 4 December 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding urinary catheters. Specifically you requested information as follows:

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

- a. 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?**

Answer:

2015-16:	1136
2016-17:	1203
2017-18:	1391
2018-19:	1374
2019-20:	887

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

Answer:

2015-16:	69
2016-17:	65
2017-18:	47
2018-19:	30
2019-20:	20

- c. How many cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection (GNBSI)?**

Answer:

2016-17: 3

2017-18: 2

2018-19: 1

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

Answer: We review GNBSI's and would identify if source was UTI but not always possible to distinguish between CAUTI and UTI.

- 3. Does your Trust follow guidance or protocols for:-**

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

Answer: Antibiotic formulary.

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

Answer: We have a policy "policy for urinary catheterisation (ongoing care and management)" and also a Catheter and continence care formulary.

- c. 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: Audits against Antibiotic formulary. Regular catheter training for RGN's and HCA's and use of the WASP competency framework. Annual point prevalence survey.

- 4. 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?**

- a. How many different antimicrobials/antibiotics were used?**

Answer: The Trust does not record information on the number of prescriptions for CAUTI's or which antibiotics were used to treat CAUTI's.

b. Are these antimicrobials/antibiotics used to treat other infections?

Answer: The antibiotics which would be used for CAUTI's would also be used to treat other infections

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

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Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer