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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 4th 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 tract infections. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. Does your Infection Prevention and Control team and/or your Microbiology team monitor catheter acquired urinary tract infection (CAUTI) rates independently of the NHS Safety Thermometer information?***

Answer: No.

- 2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?***

Answer: The Trust does not record this information.

- 3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.***

Answer: Regular information and training sessions on Catheter insertion and care. Adhering to National guidelines through policies. Patients receive a patient held record if long term catheter required. Adopted HOUDINI catheter removal protocol.

- a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?**

Answer: Trained staff accountable for own actions.

- b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?**

Answer: Measures have been in place since circa 2010. The success will be reflected in the percentage reduction of Gram Negative Blood Stream Infection GNBSI.

- 4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs?**

Answer: No.

- a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions?**

Answer: Not at present.

- b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?**

Answer: N/A.

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.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer