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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 19 February 2020 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 the Anti Infection's. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. How many patients have you treated in the last 12 months for complicated Intra Abdominal Infections with the following:

Drug Name	Total
Amoxicillin/clauvanate	
Piperacillin/tazobactam	
Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)	
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)	
Carbapenems (such as: Meropenem, Imipenem/cilastatin, Ertapenem)	
Aminoglycosides (such as: Gentamicin, Amikacin, Tobramycin)	
Cephalosporins (such as: Cefotaxime, Ceftazidime, Ceftriaxone)	
Quinolones (such as: Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Ofloxacin)	
Polymixins (such as: Colistin)	

Answer: The total patients admitted in the last 12 months for complicated intra-abdominal infections is 2,388. We are unable to provide a breakdown of the treatment that they received as this would require a manual review of their clinical notes.

This would take one member of staff a number of days to gather this information. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present

time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

2. How many patients have you treated in the last 12 months for Complicated Urinary Tract Infections with the following:

Drug Name	Total
Amoxicillin/clauvanate	
Piperacillin/tazobactam	
Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)	
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)	
Carbapenems (such as: Meropenem, Imipenem/cilastatin, Ertapenem)	
Aminoglycosides (such as: Gentamicin, Amikacin, Tobramycin)	
Cephalosporins (such as: Cefotaxime, Ceftazidime, Ceftriaxone)	
Quinolones (such as: Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Ofloxacin)	
Polymixins (such as: Colistin)	

Answer: The total patients admitted in the in the last 12 months for Complicated Urinary Tract infections is 1,807. We are unable to provide a breakdown of the treatment that they received as would require a manual review of their clinical notes. This would take one member of staff a number of days. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

3. Acquired Pneumonia and / or Ventilator acquired Pneumonia (HAP/VAP) with the following:

Drug Name	Total
Amoxicillin/clauvanate	
Piperacillin/tazobactam	
Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)	
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)	
Carbapenems (such as: Meropenem, Imipenem/cilastatin, Ertapenem)	
Aminoglycosides (such as: Gentamicin, Amikacin, Tobramycin)	
Cephalosporins (such as: Cefotaxime, Ceftazidime, Ceftriaxone)	
Quinolones (such as: Ciprofloxacin,	

<i>Levofloxacin, Ofloxacin</i>	
<i>Polymixins (such as: Colistin)</i>	

Answer: The total patients admitted in the last 12 months for Hospital Acquired Pneumonia and/or Ventilator Acquired pneumonia (HAP/VAP) is 2,419. We are unable to provide a detailed breakdown of their treatment as this would require a manual review of their clinical notes. This would take one member of staff a number of days. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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

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