

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-589

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding fungal infections

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Q1. In the last 12 months, how many patients have been treated (for any condition) with the following drugs:

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Caspofungin (Cancidas)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**
- **Voriconazole (VFEND)**

A1 See below:

- Amphotericin B (Ambisome) - 53
- Caspofungin (Cancidas) - 30
- Isavuconazole (Cresemba) - 10
- Posaconazole (Noxafil) - 61
- Voriconazole (VFEND) - 31

Q2 In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Aspergillosis (ICD10 code: B44)?

A2 For the time period 01/12/23 to 30/11/23 there were 89 inpatient stay records who had the ICD10 B44 applied to their inpatient stay record.

Q3 Of the above patients diagnosed with Aspergillosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs:

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Caspofungin (Cancidas)**

- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**
- **Voriconazole (VFEND)**

A3 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- Amphotericin B (Ambisome) - <5
- Caspofungin (Cancidas) - <5
- Isavuconazole (Cresemba) - <5
- Posaconazole (Noxafil) - <5
- Voriconazole (VFEND) - 12

Q4 In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Mucormycosis (ICD10 code: B46)?

A4 No hospital inpatient stays for the last 12 months have the ICD10 code B46 applied to their inpatient stay record.

Q5 Of the above patients diagnosed with Mucormycosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs:

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**

A5 There are no patients with the ICD10 coding of B46

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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