



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-678

Date: 20th February 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19th February 2020 sent to our communications team requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding use of Anti Infection.

On the same day you sent an identical request to the FOI email. UHNM advised you by return email that we had already acknowledged this request and would be answering once in accordance with the Section 14 exemption of the FOI Act. (*Repeated request*).

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all individual health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all individual health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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 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)	

A1 Section 12 and 14 exemptions as detailed above. In addition, please note that the drugs listed above are kept as stock on wards and any information supplied would be inaccurate.

Q2 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)	

A2 As answer 1

Q3 How many patients have you treated in the last 12 months for hospital 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, Levofloxacin, Ofloxacin)	
Polymixins (such as: Colistin)	

A3 As answer 1

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

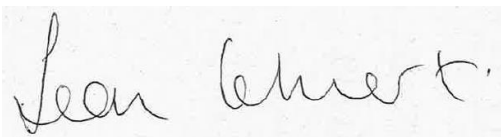
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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