



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-461

Date: 6th January 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th October 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding carbapenemase producing Enterobacterales

We apologise for the delay

Q1 Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request information regarding how patients identified with carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales (CPE) are communicated with. I am requesting some figures and also copies of documents, which I would like to receive electronically. I have set the request out in more detail below.

If you share this request with other departments in your organisation, please can my name and organisation be redacted (kept confidential).

I would like to request copies of the following documents:

- 1. Trust Policy(s) that include the procedure for contacting positive CPE results to patients and healthcare professionals.**
- 2. All versions of patient information materials relating to CPE carriage and/or CPE infection.**

Please can I receive these documents in editable formats (Word, Publisher, etc.). If this is not possible, then PDF can be supplied.

- 3. In addition, please can you provide the following information. I have provided a table below for ease.**

Information Requested	Response
Total number of patients identified with CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	
The total number of patients provided with information relating to CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	
Has a patient/public group been involved in developing or reviewing the	Yes/No/Not-recorded (please delete as applicable)

CPE materials?	
Total number of beds in the Trust.	
Total number of hospital admissions in the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	

A1 See below:

1. Please see attached document.
2. As above
3. please see below.

Information Requested	Response
Total number of patients identified with CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	In the fiscal year 2023/24 the number of new patient cases of CPE identified in UHNM was 204
The total number of patients provided with information relating to CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	It is not possible to supply this data without reviewing every set of patient notes to check for clinical feedback to the patient. - section 12 exemption as detailed below.
Has a patient/public group been involved in developing or reviewing the CPE materials?	Yes (please delete as applicable)
Total number of beds in the Trust.	As at 11/10/2024 taken from the daily sitrep return - 1364
Total number of hospital admissions in the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	165,898

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 question 2 is not held centrally but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all 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 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*

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

Yours,



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