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Date: 28th October 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 9th October 2019 (received into our office 10th October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding treatments for soft tissue infections.

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.

***Please note that UHNM keep the requested drugs on wards as stock and therefore our reporting will not gather their specific patient usage, therefore below information will be an underestimate. We are unable to report further.**

Q1 How many patients have you treated for complicated skin and soft tissue infections (cSSTI) in the last 12 months with the following:

- **Ceftaroline (Zinforo)**
- **Flucloxacillin**
- **Meropenem (Meronem)**
- **Teicoplanin (Targocid)**
- **Tigecycline**
- **Vancomycin**

A1 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. Please see below:

Ceftaroline (Zinforo)	0
Flucloxacillin	793
Meropenem (Meronem)	61
Teicoplanin (Targocid)	16
Tigecycline	<5
Vancomycin	12

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed

Q2 How many patients have you treated for community acquired pneumonia in the last 12 months with the following:

- **Ceftaroline (Zinforo)**
- **Ceftriaxone**
- **Ceftobiprole (Zevtera)**
- **Co-Amoxiclav**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Meropenem (Meronem)**

A2 Please see below:

Ceftaroline (Zinforo)	0
Ceftriaxone	19
Ceftobiprole (Zevtera)	0
Co-Amoxiclav	1661
Isavuconazole (Cresemba)	0
Meropenem (Meronem)	112

Q3 How many patients have you treated mucormycosis with the following in the last 12 months

- **Amphotericin B/amphotericin liposomal (AmBisome)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**

A3 No patients have been treated at UHNM for mucormycosis with the above in the last 12 months.

Q4 How many patients with Gram negative infections, have you treated in the last 12 months with:

- **Amoxicillin/clauvanate**
- **Piperacillin/tazobactam**
- **Ceftazidime/avibactam**
- **Ceftolozane/tazobactam**
- **Carbapenems (e.g. Ertapenem, Imipenem, Meropenem etc)**
- **Aminoglycosides (e.g. Gentamicin, Amikacin, Tobramycin)**
- **Cephalosporins (e.g. Cefotaxime, Ceftazidime, Ceftriaxone)**
- **Quinolones (e.g. Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Ofloxacin)**

A4 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. Please see below:

Amoxicillin/clauvanate 291	291
Piperacillin/tazobactam 8	8
Ceftazidime/avibactam 0	0
Ceftolozane/tazobactam 0	0
Carbapenems	Ertapenem = 29 Imipenem = 0

	Meropenem = 43
Aminoglycosides	Gentamicin = 11 Amikacin = 0 Tobramycin = 9
Cephalosporins	Cefotaxime = <5 Ceftazidime = 16 Ceftriaxone = 15 Cefalexin = 21 Cefuroxime = 6
Quinolones	Ciprofloxacin = 147 Levofloxacin = 16 Ofloxacin = 0 Moxifloxacin = 0

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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.

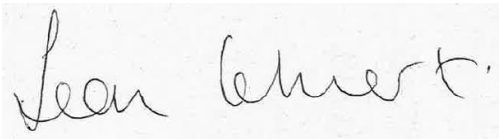
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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager