



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-027

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding urinary catheter.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**1. How many patients received a urinary catheter in each of the following calendar years:**

- o 2023
- o 2022
- o 2021

**A1 Please note** - we are only able to supply information relating to inpatient activity. The trust only codes urinary catheters when patients are in retention of urine, they are not coded when inserted during a procedure or inserted to keep patients comfortable during admission.

The below information relates to inpatients who only had the catheter inserted due to retention of urine.

Clinical Coding used to obtain the data:-  
ICD-10: R33.X Retention of urine

OPCS-4: M47.9 Unspecified urethral catheterisation of bladder

Cal Years	Number of coded IP Spells
2021	1701
2022	1658
2023	1650

Grand Total	5009
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- Q2 How many Catheters Associated Urinary Tract Infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**
- 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021

**A2 Please note** - we are only able to supply information relating to inpatient activity.

The below information relates to inpatients who had a catheter associated UTIs.

Clinical Coding used to obtain the data:-

T83.5: Infection and inflammatory reaction due to prosthetic device, implant and graft in urinary system

Y84.6: Urinary catheterization

Cal Years	Number of coded IP Spells
2021	20
2022	27
2023	106
Grand Total	153

- Q3 How many urinary tract infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**
- 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021

**A3 Please note** - we are only able to supply information relating to inpatient activity.

The below information relates to inpatients who had a catheter associated UTIs.

Clinical Coding used to obtain the data:-

N39.0: Urinary tract infection, site not specified

Cal Year	Number of coded IP Spells
2021	5613
2022	5674
2023	5959
Grand Total	17246

- Q4** What was the total cost of urinary tract infections in each of the following calendar years:
- 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021

- A4 Full episodic costs for patients who have “N39.0 Urinary tract infection, site not specified” as primary diagnosis.

Please note - costs are only available in the Patient Level Costing System (PLICS) for financial years as opposed to calendar years

Financial Year	PLICS Cost
20/21	£ 9,195,496
21/22	£ 9,352,304
22/23	£ 11,415,035
23/24	£ 11,484,473

- Q5** How many prescriptions were dispensed in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:
- 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021

- A5 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 this question 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*

- Q6** How many patients received antibiotics in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:
- 2023
  - 2022
  - 2021

- A6 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 this question 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

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**Q7 How many patients received two or more antibiotics in relation to a single Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- o 2023
- o 2022
- o 2021

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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.

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Yours,



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