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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to MRSA screening.

Can you please let me know under FOI, whether your trust:

- 1. Has changed its MRSA screening after the 2014 PHE guidance called 'implementation of modified admission MRSA screening guidance for NHS (2014).*
- 2. If so, what was your screening regime?*
- 3. If you restricted screening, have MRSA acquisitions (positive screen after 48 hours in hospital or after a negative screen) increased?*
- 4. If so, but how much*
- 5. Please tell me the number of MRSA bacteraemias for the years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16*
- 6. If you restricted screening and if either MRSA acquisitions or MRSA bacteraemias increased, did you go back to universal screening?*
- 7. If you moved to restricted screening and returned to universal screening, how long did you practice restricted screening.*

1. Yes. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust modified the screening regime following the guidance and a risk assessment

2. The following changes were made:

- Continue elective screening for Surgery (including ENT, general surgery, urology, gynae-oncology, plastic surgery, vascular), Trauma and Orthopaedics, Gynaecology, elective caesarean sections, cardiology, pain clinic interventions and interventional radiology.
- Discontinue elective screening for medical day cases (chest, rheumatology, endocrinology, neurology etc) and UMAU day attenders.
- Discontinue screening for haematology/oncology day attenders with the exception of those undergoing intravascular central line insertions (PICC, Groschong, Hickman etc)

- Continue to screen elective caesarians and high risk paediatrics (orthopaedics, general surgery etc)
- Continue to screen all non-elective patients

3. No

4. Not applicable

5. 13/14= 3, 14/15=1, 15/16=1

6. Not applicable

7. Not applicable