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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 Catheters.

You asked:

1. What is the average length of time per patient to change a Foley catheter?
2. Of those patients who have a Foley catheter, what proportion do you estimate will develop a CAUTI?
3. How many patients today have a CAUTI in your Trust?
4. On average (in days), when does the patient develop a CAUTI?
5. How many times a day (24 hours) do you assist patients with a CAUTI?

Trust response:

1. Usually it takes about 10 – 15 minutes from the time you set up to completing the catheterisation
2. An audit undertaken in August 17 found 5% of patient with a catheter had a CAUTI
3. This information is not held in a reportable format and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.
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5. On average, depending on their condition 3 – 4 times per day