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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 Urinary incontinence.

You asked:

- 1. How many times a day (24 hours) do you change a patient with a urinary incontinence pad/bed pad?*
- 2. What is the average length of time per patient to change a soiled urinary incontinence pad/bed pad?*
- 3. Of those patients who have a urinary incontinence pad, what proportion do you estimate will develop incontinence associated dermatitis over time?*
- 4. How many patients today have incontinence associated dermatitis in your Trust?*
- 5. How many times a day (24 hours) do you assist a patient with incontinence associated dermatitis?*
- 6. What is the average length of time per patient to assist with incontinence associated dermatitis?*
- 7. How many incidences of incontinence related dermatitis or skin breakdown associated with pad use were there in your institution in the last 12 months? How many patients, what percentage of all patients in a body worn/non-body worn pad is this?*
- 8. What 3 main actions have the trust deployed or is planning to deploy to reduce incontinence related dermatitis?*
- 9. What is the impact on increased length of stay for an average patient in your trust with incontinence related dermatitis?*
- 10. What is the increased per patient cost of a incontinence related dermatitis treatment (e.g. Cauti, extended hospital stay, nursing time, drug treatment, bed blocking etc.)*

Trust response:

1. This would depend on how incontinent the patient was but at least twice
2. This would depend on the patients ability to move but on average 5-10 minutes
3. – 10. Incontinence Associated Dermatitis is not something that the Trust audits. 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.