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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 Drug resistant infections.

You asked:

- How many cases of drug resistant infections (both bacterial and fungal) have there been at your NHS trust in each of the past five years (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)?*
- What were those infections?*
- How many of those infections resulted in deaths?*

Please could you break the results down by year, rather than providing them as one number?

The Trust requested clarification and received the following response:

The point of this question is to determine whether, in the wake of stories about so-called superbugs and drug-resistant fungi such as Candida Auris, there is any truth to speculation that drug-resistant infections are on the rise, and if so, to what extent.

So, of course I am interested to know about the number of cases of so-called superbugs but I am also looking for trends of other, less well-documented, cases of antimicrobial drug resistance.

Therefore, ideally I would like data on all such cases.

However, if this is impossible, then I would like the data as requested on cases of drug resistance in the following:

- 1. Acinetobacter baumannii*
- 2. Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

3. *Enterobacteriaceae*
4. *Enterococcus faecium*
5. *Staphylococcus aureus*
6. *Helicobacter pylori*
7. *Campylobacter spp.*
8. *Salmonellae*
9. *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
10. *Candida auris*

Trust response:

We have tried to answer the request but due to the limitations of our Laboratory Information Management system it is not possible to pull out individual sensitivity patterns without going through individual records. In this case there are over 2700 records just for blood cultures with the specified organisms and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.