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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 CAUTI's.

You asked:

- 1. Does your Infection Prevention and Control team and/or your Microbiology team monitor catheter acquired urinary tract infection (CAUTI) rates independently of the NHS Safety Thermometer information?*
- 2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?*
- 3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.*
 - a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?*
 - b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?*
- 4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs?*
 - a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions?*
 - b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?*

Trust response:

1. Not specifically, however the Infection Prevention and Control team review all gram negative related CAUTIs
2. This is not something we have data on at present
3.
 - A CAUTI HOUDINI audit is undertaken each year which looks at the numbers of CAUTIs in the Trust during a month and if catheters are being inserted using the HOUDINI criteria

- We have promoted hydration for patients through the provision of hydration stations patient information leaflets and posters
 - Re-launch of the catheter passport
 - Development of a reducing UTIs & gram negative bacteraemia working group to support initiatives to prevent infections
 - Development of 'Focus on' reducing urinary catheter associated UTI poster that was disseminated to ward and via the link worker programme
 - Attendance and participation in the Kent and Medway HCAI improvement collaborative which looks at reducing HCAI which includes CAUTIs
 - a. The Infection Prevention team, ward managers & ward staff
 - b. The interventions above started to be implemented towards the end of 18/19
- The outcome of this year's CAUTI HOUDINI audit is not available as yet to compare

4. None

- a. None at present
- b. Not applicable