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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 the audit of patient urinary catheterisation.

You asked:

(A) For the financial year 2018-2019 whether an audit of patient urinary catheterisation was carried out by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust?

(B) For the financial year 2019-2020 whether an audit of patient urinary catheterisation was carried out by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust?

(C) For the financial year 2020-2021 whether an audit of patient urinary catheterisation was carried out by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust?

Trust response:

- (A) Yes
- (B) Yes
- (C) No

This audit was originally carried out in 2015 in order to meet the local CQUIN indicator. The CQUIN is no longer in place; however, there is a whole health economy drive to reduce the amount of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI). The Trust continues to undertake this audit in order to gain assurance that standards are being maintained thus reducing the risk of CAUTI. The audit was suspended in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19.

This audit will identify patients with urinary catheters and if they have a catheter associated urinary tract infection. The HOUDINI criteria set out the

following criteria which are acceptable for patients to be catheterised. These include:

Haematuria: is there blood in the urine?

Obstruction: is there a urinary or retention blockage?

Urology: surgery, is the patient under the care of a Consultant Urologist?

Decubitus sacral ulcer: is there an open sacral or perineal wound?

(incontinent patients)

Input/Output: closely monitor their fluid balance

Nursing: is the patient receiving end of life care?

Immobility: Does the patient have a neurological disorder i.e. Multiple

Sclerosis, Multiple traumatic injuries?

Patients will be reviewed to ensure that they were catheterised in accordance with the HOUDINI criteria.