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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 bed cleaning.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.*
- 2. Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)*
 - a. at what frequency (i.e. daily, weekly)*
 - b. and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)*
- 3. Please provide the trust's C-diff status - i.e. under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory*
- 4. Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England*

Trust response:

1. We have a bed turnaround team who do the majority of bed/ mattress cleans post discharge in the clinical areas. The discharge gets logged on an IT system and a request is sent to the bed turnaround team.

2. Our beds are cleaned according the NPSA National standards of Healthcare cleanliness (attached), domestic staff will do the daily cleaning of beds, nursing staff will clean and spillages of blood and body fluids, bed turnaround team carry out discharge cleans.

We use a disinfectant in-between all patients, so all beds are cleaned the same whether we know a patient has an infection or not. For rooms where an infectious patient has been cared for, an additional level of decontamination is applied following the clean – HPV disinfection (for C. difficile patients) or UVC decontamination (for other infections). This applies to the entire room environment including the bed.

3. Currently over trajectory.
4. As far as we are aware NHSE have not done any recent IPC audits