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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0473

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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1. For each of the financial years 2015/16 to 2019/20:

- a. How many of your patients had an indwelling urinary catheter (also called a Foley catheter)H placed or were admitted with a urinary catheter in situ?
- b. How many patients with an indwelling urinary catheter got a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)?
- c. How many cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection?

1a. **Patients having indwelling catheter proc**

	No. of patients
2015/16	684
2016/17	624
2017/18	550
2018/19	646
2019/20	411

1b. **Patients with indwelling urinary catheter with CAUTI**

	No. of patients
2015/16	16
2016/17	25
2017/18	32
2018/19	41
2019/20	37

1c. **Patients with indwelling urinary catheter with CAUTI also diagnosed with gram-negative sepsis**

	No. of patients
2015/16	Less than 6*
2016/17	
2017/18	Less than 6*
2018/19	Less than 6*
2019/20	Less than 6*

*This relates to a low number. Under section 40(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, statistically low numbers that potentially identify personal data are required to be withheld because of the Trust's obligations to protect personal data under the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

*Unable to specify that the CAUTI developed into gram-negative infection only that the patient has been diagnosed with CAUTI.

2. Do you track where CAUTIs originate i.e. the hospital Trust or in the community?

No.

3. Does your Trust follow guidance or protocols for:

a. The recognition, diagnosis and treatment of a CAUTI? If so, please indicate what these are. **Trust policy developed in line with national guidance. This is led by our Bladder and Bowel health team & the consultant microbiologist.**

b. Urinary Catheter selection, insertion and ongoing care? If so, please indicate what these are.

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c. What processes does the Trust have in place to ensure practical adherence to the guidelines in a) and b)? How does the Trust monitor these processes?

Infection prevention undertake point prevalence based on the DH High impact interventions.

4. How many prescriptions of antimicrobials/antibiotics were dispensed in each of the financial years from 2015/16 to 2019/20 in relation to a CAUTI?

a. How many different antimicrobials/antibiotics were used?

b. Are these antimicrobials/antibiotics used to treat other infections?

The Trust's pharmacy system cannot cross refer against therapeutic indication – therefore it is not possible to respond to this question.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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