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Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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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? **No**

2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20? **Unknown**

3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these. **Infection prevention team are leading on a gram negative reduction action plan. This includes the development and roll out of a Urinary catheter care plan. Launched the HOUDINI methodology for nurse led catheter removal. Hydration campaigns. Bladder scanner business case. Review of Trust catheterisation policy. Staff education on urinary catheterisation every 3 years introduced**

a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures? **Infection prevention & Bladder and bowel health team**

b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved? **Approx. 12-18 months.**

4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs? **Bladder scanners to check on TWOC and if re-catheterisation is required**

a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions? **Not known**

b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented? **N/A**

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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