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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0534**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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1. What percentage of patients with suspected sepsis were treated with antibiotics within one hour in a) 2019 and b) 2018?
2. Please provide the above figure as a raw number – what was the total number of patients with suspected sepsis who were treated with antibiotics within one hour in a) 2019 and b) 2018?
3. What was the total number of patients with suspected sepsis who waited longer than an hour for antibiotics in a) 2019 and b) 2018?
4. If possible, please state the longest delay for a patient with suspected sepsis before receiving antibiotics in a) 2019 and b) 2018?

**Specific timings of treatment for the issue of antibiotics are not recorded. The length of time between the patient arriving and being seen is known but they may or may not have been treated with antibiotics. This would require looking at each individual patients notes. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it is not possible to refer to individual patient notes for data due to the time taken to compile the information exceeding the time limit for answering the request as guided by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Because of this it is not possible to suggest how the question could be altered to allow information to be returned that could be collected within the ICO time limit.**

If you have queries or any concerns contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Wye Valley NHS Trust  
Monkmoor Court  
31-34 Commercial Road  
Hereford  
HR1 2DX  
Email: [freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk](mailto:freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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