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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 02/03/2022. Please see responses to your requests below.

Please could you provide data from between the dates 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2021. All questions refer to the 'key organisms causing bloodstream infections' as highlighted in the UKHSA annual antimicrobial resistance report (ESPAUR).

These organisms are: Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Klebsiella oxytoca, Pseudomonas spp., Enterococcus spp., Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pneumoniae.

- 1. Does the Trust keep annual records of the number of 'key' organisms causing bloodstream infections (as listed above) which are found in its hospitals? If so:**
 - a) How many patients were infected annually with one of these bloodstream infections between 2015 and 2021 in all hospitals?**
Please see links below.
 - b) How many patients who caught one of these bloodstream infections died in hospital annually between 2015 and 2021?**
Please see links below.

The Trust can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested. This information is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because it is reasonably accessible to you and we are pleased to inform you that you can access the information via the following links:

Data on these organisms is collated nationally and available at the following web-addresses. The data has not been collated locally.

Escherichia coli

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/e-coli-bacteraemia-monthly-data-by-location-of-onset>

Klebsiella pneumoniae

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/klebsiella-species-bacteraemia-monthly-data-by-location-of-onset>

Klebsiella oxytoca

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/klebsiella-species-bacteraemia-monthly-data-by-location-of-onset>

Pseudomonas spp

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/p-aeruginosa-bacteraemia-monthly-data-by-location-of-onset>

Enterococcus spp–

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/enterococcus-spp-bacteraemia-voluntary-surveillance>

Staphylococcus aureus

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mssa-bacteraemia-monthly-data-by-location-of-onset>
Streptococcus pneumoniae - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pyogenic-and-non-pyogenic-streptococcal-bacteraemia-annual-data-from-voluntary-surveillance>

2. Does the Trust keep annual records of the number of ‘key’ organisms causing bloodstream infections which are found in the Trust’s transplant unit? If so:

The Trust does not record this level of information. Therefore, to extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies. Therefore all the below questions are not applicable.

a) How many transplant patients caught one of these bloodstream infections annually while in hospital between 2015 and 2021?

Not applicable.

b) How many transplant patients who caught one of these bloodstream infections died in hospital annually between 2015 and 2021?

Not applicable.

3. Does the Trust keep annual records of the number of ‘key’ organisms causing bloodstream infections which are found in the Trust’s maternity unit? If so:

Please see answer in question 2.

a) How many maternity patients caught one of these bloodstream infections annually while in hospital between 2015 and 2021?

Not applicable.

b) How many maternity patients who caught one of these bloodstream infections died in hospital annually between 2015 and 2021?

Not applicable.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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