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REQUEST:

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?
2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?
3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.
 - a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?
 - b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?
4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs?
 - a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions?
 - b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?

OUR RESPONSE: From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000, currently £450, as we do not centrally record some of the information being requested in the request made by another requester with whom we believe you to be acting in concert. However, rather than refusing your request in its entirety we are providing information where it is reasonable to do so.

1. No
2. This information is not centrally recorded.
3. Yes, gram negative ambition work, catheter passport, leaflet, audit.
 - A) Currently, there is no one responsible for the implementation of these measures. This is overseen by the Infection prevention and control group, further work is in progress to have systems that can provide assurance on the implementation and management of these measures.
 - B) This information is not centrally recorded. To support the measures, we have a policy for the management of urinary catheters, an antibiotic prescribing guide for this and there is an annual prescribing audit to ensure best practice/policy is followed.
4. The Trust is currently looking into the use of technological solutions to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs, and a further piece of audit worked is planned for the New Year.