

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 05 December 2019.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 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?**

Yes.

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

We can get the costs for all patients with a T835 (Infection and inflammatory reaction due to prosthetic device, implant and graft in urinary system) diagnosis code for 2017-18, 2018-19 & Q2 2019-20

Please note:

These costs include Trust overheads as well as direct patient-facing costs

The cost is for the entire finished Consultant episode so may well include more costs than for just treating the CAUTI element

Year	Cost (£)
2015-2016	N/A
2016-2017	N/A
2017-2018	250,473
2018-2019	318,786
April-September (19)	197,338

- 3. Is the Trust taking any measures to reduce the harm caused by catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs)? If so, please describe these.**

Part of E. coli reduction work, antimicrobial stewardship and improving continence

- a. Who is responsible and accountable for the implementation of these measures?**

This is shared work across the acute hospital and the community with support from the MK CCG Quality Lead and Central and North West London (Diggory Division) Infection prevention and control team, plus leads for nursing and residential home care.

b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?

Work is ongoing across the last 18 months – too early to quantify success.

4. What technological solutions are currently used within the Trust to reduce the incidence of CAUTIs?

Bladder scanning pre-catheter consideration.

a. If no, are there plans to introduce technological solutions?

N/A

b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?

N/A.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator

For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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