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You asked

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Please provide me with the following information for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17:

- 1a) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic -shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome.

This information was not collected for the CQUIN because it was not a requirement.

Patients' clinical records would contain sepsis details; however, the Trust could not locate, extract and collate the information requested from each patient's paper-based clinical records within the appropriate limit described in the Act. Additionally, a senior member of the medical staff may be required to interpret the information within the notes, to assure accurate allocation to your specified presentations. The Trust maintains in excess of one million paper-based records and considers the information exempt in compliance with section 12(1) – The appropriate limit.

- 1b) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome.

As per our response to one 1a).

- 2a) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process.

As per our response to one 1a).

- 2b) Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process.**

As per our response to one 1a).

- 3) Of questions 2a and 2b, please identify the number of investigations that related to a death outcome and the number that related to a harm outcome.**

As per our response to one 1a).

- 4) Please also state whether CQUIN compliance rates for Sepsis Screening and/or Antibiotics compliance has been renegotiated by the Trust. If so, please give details of the change in the agreed rate of compliance and what year this was made.**

2015/16

A different methodology for sampling was agreed with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) due to the issues found with the national methodology identifying so few patients. A prospective data collection methodology was agreed with the CCG, and the sample chosen from the majors' pathway of patients who presented with diagnoses suggestive of infection.

2016/17

Once again, prospective data collection was used. Another agreement was to use five inpatient wards based on those most likely to have sepsis occur for admitted patients.

Local compliance trajectories were agreed as per the guidance with national targets used where given.