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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**I would be grateful if you would please answer the following questions concerning antifungal treatment within your organisation.**

**1) What is the number of patients in the last 12 months treated with the following product lines:**

<b>A)</b>	<b>anidulafungin</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>B)</b>	<b>caspofungin</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>C)</b>	<b>micafungin</b>	<b>0</b>

**2) What is the split of indication over the last 12 months for the following product lines:**

- A) anidulafungin**
- B) caspofungin**
- C) micafungin**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally hold the information requested above. To enable the Trust to provide the information requested would require a manual review of paper notes/drug charts to check the indication (if noted) and the length of duration for each prescription. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of our request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

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- 3) For each of the indication splits of the 3 product lines mentioned previously (anidulafungin, caspofungin and micafungin from Q2) list the average length of treatment time.**

Section 12(1) applied to this part of your request, please refer to question 2.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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