

FOI REF: 24/296

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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:

Please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1) **How many patients received a urinary catheter in each of the following calendar years:**
 - a) 2023 3589
 - b) 2022 3397
 - c) 2021 3221

- 2) **How many Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**
 - a) 2023 376
 - b) 2022 195
 - c) 2021 157

- 3) **How many urinary tract infections were recorded in each of the following calendar years:**
 - a) 2023 3188
 - b) 2022 3125
 - c) 2021 3247

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4) **What was the total cost of urinary tract infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- a) 2023 £3,831,520
- b) 2022 £3,466,664
- c) 2021 £2,548,701

5) **How many prescriptions were dispensed in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- a) 2023
- b) 2022
- c) 2021

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record all prescriptions issued for Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI). To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of every patient's medical record coded with CAUTI which we estimate would take more than 18 hours and would not include ward stock and so the figure would not be accurate. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your 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.

6) **How many patients received antibiotics in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- a) 2023
- b) 2022
- c) 2021

Section 12(1) applied, please see above.

7) How many patients received two or more antibiotics in relation to a single Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:

a) 2023

b) 2022

c) 2021

[Section 12\(1\) applied, please see above.](#)

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), 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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