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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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information. Over the last 12 months...**

- 1. How many patients have been admitted to the trust with a confirmed chlorhexidine allergy diagnosis?**

0 (zero) patients have been admitted in the last 12 months, ascertained using ICD-10 codes from Clinical Coding.

- 2. What are the current Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI) rates across the trust? Please provide your response per 1000 catheter days**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not capture catheter days; therefore, we do not hold this information. However, there were 74 spells between 1st October 2024 and 30th September 2025 (inclusive) coded with T82.7 Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other cardiac and vascular devices, implants and grafts.

- 3. What is the average length of stay for patients admitted to ITU/Critical Care. Please provide your answer in days.**

Average length of stay for patients admitted to ITU/Critical Care is 5.5 days for the period 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (inclusive).

- 4. Please provide the number of Level 2 and Level 3 patients admitted to ITU/Critical Care over the past 12 months, with figures broken down by care level.**

Critical Care Level 2 = 431  
Critical Care Level 3 = 343

1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (inclusive).

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5. **Based on the total number of ICU beds in the trust, what is the average occupancy rate? Please provide the answer as a percentage.**

40.06% - midnight bed occupancy.

Based on a bed base of 19 beds across Conquest Hospital and Eastbourne District General Hospital from the 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (inclusive).

6. **What is the typical peak pressure for the CT power injectors that the trust Radiology department requires when injecting contrast media for patients having a CT scan?**

#### **Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH)**

The typical flow rates will depend on the scan requested. Typically, scans are imaged using flow rates of anything between **1.8mls/sec-4.5 mls/sec**. The injectors at EDGH are set to have a threshold pressure set to 246 psi, on reaching this, the flow rate is reduced so it does not exceed this level.

Angiograms require the higher flow rates of 4-4.5mls/sec at EDGH, however an exception to this would be a CT coronary angiogram, which requires a flow rate of 7mls/sec. However, these more specialised scans are very rarely performed for patients on ICU.

#### **Conquest Hospital**

This would depend on what access the patient has as the pressure of the injector varies depending on the access. For example, if a 22G (blue) cannula was being used the pressure would be higher at rate of injection the Radiographer injects at compared to a 18G (green) cannula where bore is bigger.

We have strict injection protocols and insist on peripheral access. We will not use power injectors with CVP lines and only use pressure rated Ports and PICC lines. Injection pressures are typically higher for these lines compared to intravenous cannulas.

Routinely for most patients we would use a pink cannula, injecting at 3mls/s and the pressure of the injector would be around 100 psi. If we are doing angiograms, particularly Cardiacs, injections rates would be higher e.g. 5mls/s. we would insist on larger bore cannulas to ensure the pressure is kept within tolerances as the injections rates would be higher.

Our injectors have a safety cut off of 246psi where the injection would automatically stop if this pressure was breached.

7. **How frequently do patients require Acute Haemodialysis in ITU/Critical Care?**

#### **For Critical Care ESHT**

We provided Haemofiltration to 93 patients between October 2024 and September 2025.

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**8. In relation to Beta Lactam antibiotic usage within the ICU department over the past 12 months, what percentage of patients receive administration via continuous infusion?**

In critical care, we do not give continuous infusions of Tazocin. It is often prescribed as an IV dose 8 hourly.

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

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