

## **FOI\_230 19/20 – FOI request concerning Infection Prevention and Control of the catheter acquired urinary tract infection**

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I confirm that we hold the information as below.

### **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?**

IPCT do not monitor these independently. We do surveillance on alert organisms for patients within Solent NHS Trust and Portsmouth CCG.

Microbiology support is provided by PHT and UHS. Solent NHS Trust do not have their own microbiology team.

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

Unknown

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

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

- IPT
- Urinary Catheter Working Group (UCWG)
- Infection Prevention and Control Group

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

- Quality Improvement Project 2016-17: a baseline audit was undertaken within in-patient areas. At this time 52% of patients with an indwelling urinary catheter had the correct paperwork completed accurately and readily available that provided assurance the catheter was in situ for a valid reason.

A variety of measures were put in place to encourage staff to use the correct paperwork and review every catheter within their care on a daily basis.

Five months later the audit was repeated and on the is occasion 80% of patients with an indwelling urinary catheter had the correct paperwork completed accurately and readily available that provided assurance the catheter was in situ for a valid reason.

This demonstrated a 28% improvement.

- Adult Urinary Catheterisation policy was developed for the organisation along with tools to empower staff to remove catheters.

- UCWG

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

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

Plan to purchase bladder scanners for community nursing teams to avoid unnecessary catheterisations and reduce delay in removal of catheters. Awaiting a trial to be organised by community nurses prior to final purchase.

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