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REQUEST

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?
2. What was the total cost to the Trust of CAUTIs in each financial year from 2015/16 to 2019/20?
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?
 - b. How long have the measures been in place and what success has been achieved?
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?
 - b. If yes, which solutions have been reviewed, tested and implemented?

RESPONSE

1. No.
2. The Trust does not hold this information; or matching disparate records would require a manual undertaking exceeding cost.

***Please refer to Endnote.**

3. The Trust has taken the following measures in relation to catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs):
 - Signed up to the NHSI UTI collaborative initiative in 2018.
 - All hospital onset E coli, Klebsiella sp, Pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteraemias undergo multi-disciplinary RCA and lessons are disseminated trustwide.
 - Developed a continence assessment tool and resource folder for wards to ensure alternatives to catheterisation are considered.
 - Implemented “dip-or-not-to-dip” to reduce the inappropriate use of urinalysis (which drives inappropriate antibiotic use). Presented at grand round and disseminated by infection prevention link nurses.
 - Trust policies updated to limit indications for urinalysis. Restriction of certain types of dipstix to some wards.
 - Produced an e-learning package for all clinical staff on UTI diagnosis and management 2019.
 - Algorithm on correct urinalysis updated and distributed 2018 and 2019.
 - Trust wide education day on reducing UTI in 2018.
 - Audit of compliance with fluid balance charts and changes made to improve them.
 - a. MDT approach includes the infection prevention team, antibiotic pharmacists, urology and incontinence nurses, AKI nurses, Consultant lead for care of the older person.
 - b. Initiatives started in 2018. Reduction in urinalysis being used to diagnose UTI.

4. There are no catheter acquired urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) specific technological solutions currently implemented in the Trust.

a. Not currently.

b. N/A

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