

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Sepsis.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Please see attachment

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Yours sincerely

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Sepsis Freedom of Information Request Questionnaire

Completed By: [Name]
On Behalf of: [Trust]

Date:
Email:

1. Does your Trust have a mechanism for recording incidents of severe sepsis and septic shock?
**note any incident can be recorded on the Trusts incident reporting system. We do not currently have a specific subcategory for sepsis/septic shock*
- Yes No

If Yes, please go to Question 2.
If No, please go to Question 5.

2. Is sepsis on the Trust's risk register?
- Yes No

3. Is there a nominated Consultant with responsibility for sepsis at the Trust?
- Yes No

4. Does the Trust resource sepsis nurses and/or dedicated Consultant time?
- Yes No

5. How does the Trust record cases of sepsis? (e.g. ICD-10) How is the data reported to the Executive?

6. How many patients were diagnosed with severe sepsis in:

note with regards to severe sepsis there is no specific code, the figures are for all sepsis diagnosis codes

2013/14:	<u>209</u>
2012/13:	<u>254</u>
2011/12:	<u>285</u>
2010/11:	<u>253</u>

7. How many patients were diagnosed with septic shock in (if included in severe sepsis, tick here):

note with regards to severe sepsis there is no specific code, the figures are for all sepsis diagnosis codes

2013/14:	<u>8</u>
2012/13:	<u>22</u>
2011/12:	<u>1</u>
2010/11:	<u>0</u>

8. Does the Trust have an established pathway for basic care once a patient is diagnosed with sepsis?

Yes No

If Yes, please go to Question 9
If No, please go to Question 11

9. Does the Trust follow the Sepsis Six guidelines?

Yes No

10. If not using the Sepsis Six, please identify the pathway below

This is in the process of being rolled out across the hospital site

11. Does the Trust use an Early Goal-Directed Therapy (EGDT) pathway for patients arriving in the Emergency Department with septic shock?

Yes No

If yes, please go to question 13
If no, please go to question 14

12. How is EGDT initiated in patients arriving in the Emergency Department with septic shock?

By ED team -Yes By ITU medical team- Yes By ITU nursing team-Yes By dedicated sepsis team- No

13. Does the Trust audit the time taken for a patient to receive antibiotics within the first hour as recommended by the 'Start Smart then Focus' guidance provided by the Department of Health?

Yes No

If Yes, please go to Question 14.
If No, please go to Question 15.

14. What percentage of patients with early signs of severe sepsis received antibiotics within an hour as recommended? 58%

15. Do you have an escalation and communication pathway in place for patients with severe sepsis to facilitate senior involvement and inter-departmental transfers?

Yes -see 10 above No

16. Do you provide a blood gas machine or near patient testing allowing measurement of lactate in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit to allow early recognition of sepsis?

Yes _____

17. Are you aware of the recently released report of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman on Sepsis; and if so have you made any changes to the way you record and deal with Sepsis at the Trust?

Yes. Sepsis 6 is being rolled out across the Trust with an escalation pathway for patients who fail to respond / continue to deteriorate. This is in line with international guidance for "Surviving Sepsis".

18. The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman recommended that senior staff were available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and should be consulted when severe sepsis is present. Does your Trust have senior Consultant cover 24 hours a day 7 days a week for all acute specialities admitting patients?

Yes No

Any Further Comments:

Consultants is not necessarily on-site

***Please return your completed questionnaire to:
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