

14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Catheter Passport  
The Trust can provide the following information:

1. How many specialist urology/continence nurses were there within your Trust in each of the last five financial years?

We have 3 urology specialist nurses who have been in the Trust for the last 5 years, 2 of whom only deal with oncology the other deals with catheter related problems/conditions that are benign. There is also a continence nurse specialist for the Trust who has been working here for at least 5 years

2. How many hours of staff training were allocated in the last financial year, under the remit of continence care, to catheterisation? (E.g. If 50 staff received one hour each the answer would be 50 hours.)  
Of this (a) How many were for indwelling Foley catheters and (b) how many were for intermittent catheters?

There have been 2 study days devoted to catheterisation training for nurses (I cannot comment on junior doctors training) in the last financial year. Each day is 7 hours and 19 staff attended in the last financial year 2014/15. So that would be 133 hours. The study day includes training for intermittent self-catheterisation but the main focus is on indwelling catheters.

3. How many full time equivalent staff spend their time delivering this training? (E.g. if three staff spend half their working time on urology training the answer would be 1.5 FTEs.)

What is the job title/function of these individuals?

14 hours over one year from a full time urology nurse specialist. There is also ad hoc training on the wards when the staff request help with catheterisation.

4. Do you have a named continence lead within your Trust? (a) If so, please provide their name and contact details. (b) If not, who is responsible for this remit?

No. We have just appointed a continence lead for the Trust but she hasn't started in post yet. B) Leanne Jenkins is lead nurse for the community nurses which includes the continence team

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1. Are catheter passports\* used at all within your Trust?

No. We do have some available and they seem like a good idea but they have not been implemented officially as part of the catheter care pathway. This is work that would need to be taken up by the newly appointed continence lead with the continence team and urology nurse specialist.

6. Are catheter passports used for all patients within your Trust who are issued with a catheter, both in hospital and in the community?

No

7. If a catheter passport is used within your Trust, does it contain a urine colour chart?

N/A

8. Do you have a urine colour chart on every toilet door within each hospital?

No

9. How many district nurses are available on call within your Trust on a typical (a) weekday at 1am (b) weekday at 1pm (c) Sunday at 1am (d) Sunday at 1pm?

The Community nurses work between 8.30am to 23.30pm seven days a week.

10. What visibility do your continence leads have of continence patients in the community?

The Continence nurses see all the continence patients on their caseload.

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