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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2629

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request on MRSA Screening.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- **Has the Trust changed its MRSA screening after the 2014 PHE guidance called ‘implementation of modified admission MRSA screening guidance for NHS (2014).**
Yes – The new policy was launched in May 2016. All admission screening continues. Pre-admission screening changed to cover only orthopaedics and implant surgery.
- **If so, what was your screening regime?**
All patients on admissions apart from maternity and paediatrics who only screened those falling in to risk categories such as recent hospital admission, previous MRSA positive, transfer from another hospital. All elective admissions apart from dental, endoscopy, TOP in the pre-admission clinic.
- **If you restricted screening, have MRSA acquisitions (positive screen after 48 hours in hospital or after a negative screen) increased?**
The new policy has only been in place for a few months and only covers pre-admission screening as admission screening is unchanged.
- **If so, but how much**
N/A
- **Please tell me the number of MRSA bacteraemia for the years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16**
2013/14 – 5 HA, 1 non HA
2014/15 – 3 HA, 1 non HA and 1 3rd party
2015/16 – 1 HA
- **If you restricted screening and if either MRSA acquisitions or MRSA bacteraemia increased, did you go back to universal screening?**
No – as the Trust have only changed the pre-admission screening and too short a time to observe any increases.
- **If you moved to restricted screening and returned to universal screening, how long did you practice restricted screening?**
N/A

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