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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2876

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding CRE Infections.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. How many patients have been with CRE infections for each of the past 10 years in your trust?

- **Colonised**

2015 – 3

2016 – 6

- **Infected**

None

The data is not routinely collected or available for the past 10 years. The total number of laboratory isolates for the past 10 years is available but this would not give information on infected or colonised status just a positive laboratory result.

2. Does your trust have universal screening of patients for CRE when they are admitted, screening of patients with high risk factors or no formal screening policy?

The Trust screens high risk patients as per Public Health England guidance as per below:

Patient previously positive for CPO/CPE

Patients transferred from or have been an in-patient in a hospital abroad or a hospital in the UK

3. How many patients were screened for CRE when they were admitted and deemed high risk for a CRE infection?

This information is not available as it is not collected. The Trust screens patients for multi-resistant gram negatives. The laboratory data for the number of these screens performed is available but this would not provide the correct information specifically in relation to CRE.

4. How many isolation rooms does your hospital have for isolating CRE patients?

The hospital has 57 single rooms across all specialities which could and would be for isolating patient CRE

5. How many isolation rooms have en suite bathrooms?

7

6. What is your policy if there is no side room available for isolating patients with CRE?

There is no policy specifically for lack of isolation facilities for patients with CRE. There is a monitoring and escalation process for managing isolation rooms across the hospital in the Trust isolation policy and this includes prioritisation of facilities. This is managed by the infection prevention and control nurses and clinical site managers.

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Yours sincerely

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