

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 27/02/18.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information.

1. What is the average length of time per patient to change a Foley catheter? The Trust use short term catheters (up to 28 days) in most cases and long term catheters (3 months) for patients who require a catheter long term.

We review whether urinary catheters are required every 12 hours and remove them as soon as indicated.

2. Of those patients who have a Foley catheter, what proportion do you estimate will develop a CAUTI?

The Trust are under the national average for catheter related urinary tract infections according to the Safety thermometer.

- 3. How many patients today have a CAUTI in your Trust?
- 4. On average (in days), when does the patient develop a CAUTI? From data collected in Quarter 2 2017/18, the average is 14 days after catheterisation (or change of catheter).
- 5. How many times a day (24 hours) do you assist patients with a CAUTI? Catheters are emptied every 6 hours or more frequently if 2/3 full. Catheter care is provided every morning and evening and more frequently if required.