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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013304 – Superbugs

For the years 2014, 2015, and 2016 please details the following:

How many people and inpatients have been infected with and treated for a superbug.

List which superbug people were infected with.

In which hospital did they contract the infection?

How many of these people later died of the infection?

The information requested is not collected as part of our routine data analysis
Clostridium difficile infection data is collected and reported quarterly to the Government, and is available publically.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/clostridium-difficile-infection-annual-data>

The information that we hold, that can be gathered in Microbiology will only be a list of organisms by name and site of sample taken. This does not necessarily mean that a patient has been diagnosed with an infection as the question states. Neither can this data be used to define whether the 'infection' was hospital acquired or indeed, even 'diagnosed'.

Not all our samples types are defined as 'surgical sites'.

There is a requirement for us to report to Public Health England any of their listed notifiable bacterial infections or invasive diseases and this is done as the organisms are isolated. This information can be accessed via Public Health England. I suggest contacting Shakeel Suleman, Senior Information Officer, National Infection Service, PHE West Midlands, Shakeel.Suleman@phe.gov.uk who may be able to help the requestor.