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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

- Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.
- Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)
 - at what frequency (i.e., daily, weekly)
 - and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)
- Please provide the trust’s C-diff status - i.e., under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory
- Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England

Response

Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.	The Trust does not have a bed cleaning facility.		
Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds) o at what frequency (i.e. daily, weekly) o and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)	Please see excerpt below from the Trust’s Cleaning and Decontamination of the Environment Policy.		
	Mitie / Trust	13. Patient beds – frame, wheels, castors, head, foot, cot sides, nurse call and control panels, including carers beds in the clinical area. <i>NOTE: This includes non-patient beds located within the hospital such as</i>	Daily full clean to all accessible areas to include frame top and touchpoints (bed rails and nurse call button). (Mitie) Weekly dismantle and decontaminate all beds, trolley's, cots & couches including frame, wheels, castors, head, foot, cot sides & any areas accessible after dismantling such as the head & foot board sockets. (Mitie)

		on-call beds and carers beds.	Clean between patient use. (Ward/Dept Clinical Team)
	Trust	14. Patient bed and trolley mattresses. Also, pressure relieving cushions. NOTE: Ward/Dept Clinical Team will inspect all mattresses, pressure relieving cushions etc.	Mattress to be cleaned daily at linen change including integrity checks. Mattress to be unzipped to ensure no strike through to foam or inner layer of mattress cover. 'I am clean sticker' to be placed inside mattress once completed and mattress cover reziped (Ward/Dept Clinical Team).
	Mitie / Trust	15. Patient trolleys and treatment couches. NOTE: Trolleys with x-ray storage and oxygen cylinders will be cleaned according to agreed Mitie SOP.	Full clean daily to include all accessible areas (Mitie) & clean between patient use (Ward/Dept Clinical Team). Weekly dismantle and decontaminate all patient trolley's & couches including frame, wheels, castors, head, foot, cot sides & any areas accessible after dismantling (cleaning team). (Mitie)
Please provide the trust's C-diff status - i.e., under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory		The trust is over trajectory for 2023/24	
Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England		NHSE does not supply copies of their audits or action plans following their audits they provide information in a letter to the Chief Executive.	

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust