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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012526 – Hospital curtains/acquired infections

Would you be able to provide me with information on:

- The current routine for curtains used within the wards

There is a 6 monthly programme of curtain changing.

If a curtain is found to be soiled they are changed as necessary and curtains are always changed as part of a terminal clean

- Any research to show the prevalence of hospital acquired infection

All data regarding prevalence is published on the Public Health England website under the following link, where information is updated frequently as it becomes available:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/healthcare-associated-infections-hcai-guidance-data-and-analysis>

Please also find attached the EPIC 3 guidelines, research based guidance providing comprehensive recommendations for preventing HCAI in hospital.

- Is there is an existing incentive to improve or change the current hospital curtains?

Following clarification you responded: The question was to ask whether there are any plans to change the curtains currently used in the Trust ?

Trust response-

There are no plans to change to disposable curtains