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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011088

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 22/02/2012 in connection with 'Necrotising Fasciitis'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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Please find the response to your question below:

Question:

The University of Birmingham is working on a research project to identify national trends in the incidence of Necrotising Fasciitis, which is a very progressive infectious disease. We already have access to national Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) data from April 2001 to March 2011, and we would like to validate the number of patients being admitted with Necrotising Fasciitis in your hospital.

In our research, Necrotising Fasciitis is defined from HES data where any of the following ICD-10 diagnostic codes (in any diagnosis field from 1 to 24) are present:

* M725 or

* R02 and (N498 or A480 or T797)

Could I please have the number of patients and relative pathogens (i.e. virus, bacteria type e.g. strep, staph A, bacteriodes)) for patients admitted with a diagnosis of Necrotising Fasciitis in your hospital since January 2002, or as far back as the data you have available, by year (calendar or financial)? I would prefer to have the number of patients diagnosed with Necrotising Fasciitis from your laboratory data if that is possible. In case you cannot identify such information from Lab data, other local sources of data (e.g. Patient Administration System or e-prescribing system) would be acceptable.

Response:

The information below is from the Trust's Patient Administration system as the lab data is only organism based:

* For M725 there are 5 PATIENTS

1- 03/2004

2- 05/2004

3- 02/2005

4- 08/2006

5- 10/2007

* For R02 and (N498 or A480 or T797) there are 0 patients