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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 26th August 2020. Your request sought information relating to bacterial and fungal infections.

Please note that this information covers the period 01.07.19 to 30.06.20.

1. How many patients has your Health Board treated (for any indication) in the last 12 months with the following drugs:

We are unable to provide patient-level data for this request from our Pharmacy stock control system, however we have provided defined daily doses (DDDs) for each drug/group. This will allow you to have an understanding of the volumes used within secondary care.

Drug	DDDs
Piperacillin/tazobactam	17,191.14
Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta)	201
Ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa)	120.67
Meropenem/ vaborbactam (Vaborem)	0
Cefiderocol (Fetroja)	0
Carbapenems (such as: Meropenem, Imipenem/cilastatin, Ertapenem)	11,980.08



Aminoglycosides (such as: Gentamicin, Amikacin, Tobramycin)	13,920.30
Cephalosporins (such as: Cefotaxime, Ceftazidime, Ceftriaxone)	6,558.92
Quinolones (such as: Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Ofloxacin)	21,010.85
Polymixins (such as: Colistin)	204.11
Amphotericin B/amphotericin liposomal (AmBisome)	2,835.71
Isavuconazole (Cresemba)	40
Posaconazole (Noxafil)	233.33

2. How many patients has your Health treated in the last 12 months for:

Although a patient may have been admitted for these reasons multiple times during the period, the patient is only counted once.

- **Complicated Intra Abdominal Infections (cIAI)** – 77 patients
- **Complicated Urinary tract infections (cUTI)** – 2106 patients
- **Hospital Acquired Pneumonia (HAP) and/or Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)** – 1025 patients
- **Mucormycosis** - <5* patients

3. For patients treated with Ceftazidime/avibactam (Zavicefta) in the last 12 months, can you please provide the number of patients suffering from:

- **Complicated Intra Abdominal Infections (cIAI)**
- **Complicated Urinary Tract infections (cUTI)**
- **Hospital Acquired Pneumonia (HAP) and/or Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)**
- **Gram-Negative bacterial infections**

This information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as



unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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