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RE: Freedom of Information Request

1st August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th November 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

1. Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place?

- **Please specify details where possible.**

Yes as part of our maintenance and deep clean programme beds are taken off the Wards to a decontamination area where they are deep cleaned.

Bed frames are also deep cleaned daily when delivered to the unit via internal portering staff after discharge of patient.

2. Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)

- **at what frequency (i.e. daily, weekly)**

Daily see answer to question 1. All deep cleaned beds are identified using a bed frame cover to protect from any environmental contamination.

There is no differential made as all beds are decontaminated using universal precautions, in line with national standards appertaining to Decontamination and IPC.

- **and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)**

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Internal decontamination technicians ,competency trained .

Attached SOP relating to bed frame cleaning. Note we have water marked as draft to demonstrate this is a supplied document.

Please see FOI 53553 Accompanying document.

- 3. Please provide the trust's C-diff status - i.e. under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory**
Sherwood Forest Hospitals Current status is under trajectory for the year.
- 4. Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England**
Sherwood Forest Hospitals have not had any IPC audits by the NHSE in the specified timeframe.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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