Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information about vascular access services in your organisation. Where you hold information for more than one hospital site, a breakdown by site would be welcome but isn't essential.

For this request, a "vascular access team" means a dedicated team or service whose main role is to insert and/or manage vascular access devices, such as PICCs and midlines. It may be called a vascular access team, IV therapy team or PICC service.

Please feel free to reply directly in the body of this email. If any information is not held, please say so for that question.

1. **Vascular access team**

a) Does your organisation have a vascular access team, as defined above?
Yes / No
(If No, please go to question 1d.)
Yes.

b) What is the team called?
Vascular Access Team.

c) Which directorate or department is it part of?
Planned Care Directorate – Non-surgical Cancer services.

d) If you do not have a team, who mainly inserts PICCs and midlines? Interventional radiology / Anaesthetics / Ward or specialist nurses / External provider / Other (please state)
Not applicable. The Trust has a dedicated Vascular Access Team. PICC and midline insertions are undertaken by nurses within that team. Anaesthetists may undertake insertions when required outside the team's working hours.

2. **Leadership**

a) Is there a designated lead for vascular access in your organisation?
Yes

b) If yes, what is their job title?
Nurse Consultant

c) Which professional group does the lead belong to? Registered nurse / Radiographer / Operating department practitioner / Medical doctor / Other (please state)
Registered nurse

3. **Service and governance**

a) If you have a vascular access team, when does it operate? Weekdays only / 7 days a week (daytime) / 24 hours, 7 days a week / Other (please state)
Weekdays only

b) Does your organisation record rates of catheter-related bloodstream infection (CRBSI) or central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI)?
Yes

c) If recorded, are these rates reported to the Trust Board or one of its committees? Trust Board / Board committee (please name) / Not reported
Yes. Reported via Infection Prevention and Control Governance (IPCG)/ Health and Safety Group/ Safety and Quality Assurance Groups/Exec board

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team