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I am responding to your request for information received 11 October 2024. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request information regarding how patients identified with Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacterales (CPE) are communicated with. I am requesting some figures and also copies of documents, which I would like to receive electronically. I have set the request out in more detail below. I would like to request copies of the following documents:

Question 1: Trust Policy(s) that include the procedure for contacting positive CPE results to patients and healthcare professionals.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:
(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

Section 18 of the Infection Prevention Control policy covers CPE management:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-11/IPC%20Manual%20V13%20November%202022.pdf>

The Trust also use the NHS England National Infection Control policy:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-infection-prevention-and-control/>

Question 2: All versions of patient information materials relating to CPE carriage and/or CPE infection.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:
(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=Carbapenemase-producing+Enterobacterales&order=relevance>

Question 3: In addition, please can you provide the following information. I have provided a table below for ease.

Answer: Please see table below:

Information Requested	Response
3a: Total number of patients identified with CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	0
3b: The total number of patients provided with information relating to CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	The Trust has reviewed question 3a of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.



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	<p>Section 40 for the FOI Act states: <i>(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.</i></p> <p>The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information in detail.</p>
3c: Has a patient/public group been involved in developing or reviewing the CPE materials?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>These are currently being re-designed with the people participation team.</p>
3d: Total number of beds in the Trust.	<p>The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.</p> <p>Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i></p> <p>The information requested is accessible here:</p> <p>Question 1: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-11/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA5029.pdf</p>
3e: Total number of hospital admissions in the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	<p>The total number of admissions into the Trust in the financial year 2023/24 was 4148.</p>



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