



**By email**

Our ref: 29/10/wz/364

12 October 2016

Dear

**Re: Hospital acquired infections**

Thank you for your email of 28 October 2015 in which you requested information regarding hospital acquired infections. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I can confirm that PHE holds part of the information you have specified.

You requested the following information:

1. *The number of hospital-acquired wound infections within the NHS for the years 2013 and 2014*
2. *The 20 NHS hospitals with the most hospital-acquired infections in 2013 and 2014*
3. *The number of deaths within NHS care due to hospital-acquired infections*

Public Health England does not hold the information for questions 1 and 3.

In regards to Question 2, I have enclosed the information you have requested. Please note the data is presented in financial years, this is in line with PHE's routine approach to public data publication.

The 20 NHS acute Trusts with the most infections have been ranked and presented by organism. Data are included for MRSA bacteraemia, MSSA bacteraemia and *C. difficile* Infection (CDI). Included data is as extracted on 20 April 2015 and is as included in PHE's annual publication on 9 July 2015. Please note in some instances more than one organisation had the same number of infections. When this occurred at position 20 more than 20 organisations make up the list.

Included data is restricted to those infection cases either assigned (for MRSA bacteraemia) or apportioned (for MSSA bacteraemia and CDI) to an acute Trust.

Further detail on this process can be found in the caveat page of the attached Excel document.

PHE do not recommend using count data as basis for comparison between Trusts. The counts of infections have not been adjusted to give a standardised rate considering factors such as the hospital demographics or case mix.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing [foi@phe.gov.uk](mailto:foi@phe.gov.uk)

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer