

11 November 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18848

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Antibiotic Guidelines

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 26 August 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to Lynda McAree, Head of Information Governance & Directorate Support at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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- 1) Please provide, in full, the antibiotic guidelines used by your trust.
- A1. Please see attached Trust document entitled 'Adult Empirical Antimicrobial Therapy Guidelines for Inpatients'.
- 2) *Is antibiotic prophylaxis routinely given for urinary catheter removal after any joint replacement?*
- A2. No.
- 3) *If yes, which is given and how?*
- A3. Not applicable.
- 4) *If yes, what proportion of patients with urinary catheters receive it?*
- A4. Not applicable.