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Treatment of Fungal Infections

I have a freedom of information query related to the treatment of fungal infections. Could you please answer the following questions?

Q1. In the last 12 months, how many patients have been treated (for any condition) with the following drugs:

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Caspofungin (Cancidas)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**
- **Voriconazole (VFEND)**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust do not have an electronic prescribing system and are unable to provide information to patient level for these medicines.

Q2a. In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Aspergillosis (ICD10 code: B44)?

In the 12 month period (1 September 2022 – 31st August 2023*) there were **14** individual patients admitted or attended as a daycase, coded with B44 as part of their diagnoses.

Notes:-

*1st September 2022- 31st August 2023 date range used to ensure the most accurate and up-to-date coding information.

Q2b. Of the above patients diagnosed with Aspergillosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs?

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Caspofungin (Cancidas)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**
- **Voriconazole (VFEND)**

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Q3a. In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Mucormycosis (ICD10 code: B46)?

In the 12-month period (1 September 2022 – 31st August 2023*) there were **0 (zero)** individual patients admitted or attended as a daycase, coded with B46 as part of their diagnoses.

Notes:-

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Q3b. Of the above patients diagnosed with Mucormycosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs?

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**

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