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Treatment of fungal infections, Aspergillosis, Mucormycosis

I am investigating the incidence and treatment of fungal infections in the UK. I would greatly appreciate if you could 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)

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

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)

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

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)

To collate this information would take in excess of 18 hours as the information is not held centrally. The Trusts pharmacy computer system does not record the data as requested below. To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

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We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.