

**Date Received:** 08/08/06

**Date Completed:** 06/09/06

**Detail of request:**

- (a) Please release the number of positive Clostridium Difficile (CDT) tests at your Trust for each of the last three years.
- (b) Please release the number of deaths where Clostridium Difficile was judged to be the cause of death and/or a contributory factor for each of the last three years.

**Details of response:**

- (a) Although you requested statistics from the last three financial years, regarding the number of positive Clostridium Difficile tests (CDT) at the NHS Trust, information is not stored as far back as this.

For mandatory reporting purposes, for the last two financial years Statistics have been stored on positive cases diagnosed by the NHS Trust's laboratories, for patients aged 65 years and older. However, these figures include positive samples which may have been received from the Community, and are not necessarily inpatients at the NHS Trust.

2004/05 - 802 New cases

2005/06 - 844 New cases

Since 15 April 2005, statistics have been collated for cases from all age groups, for those patients diagnosed in the NHS Trust's A & E departments, wards, or outpatient departments.

15/04/05 - 31/03/06 - 814 New cases

- (b) I have been informed that statistics are not available for the last three financial years, of the number of deaths where Clostridium Difficile was judged to be the cause of death and/or a contributing factor.

Robust systems are now in place to collect this data, and any cases where Clostridium Difficile (CDT) is recorded as the cause of death and/or contributing factor, are sent by the Bereavement Officer to the Infection Control Team for double-checking.

As such the following statistic is confirmed cases where CDT was either the disease or condition directly leading to death, an antecedent cause giving rise to the disease, or condition directly leading to death or other significant condition contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it.

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**Additional information:**

Details of complaints procedure and Section 50 Decision Notice provided.