

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.878
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Thank you for your email dated 23 June 2021 requesting information regarding hospital acquired infections.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request

1. *How many Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI) have there been in the last 2 years?*

We do not measure hospital acquired infections - the national definition we report against is healthcare associated infections; therefore we cannot provide information for this part of your request.

2. *What are the types of HAIs?*

We are only required to report under specific national objectives and these are in the public domain on PHE website for MRSA, CDI and Gram-negative bacteraemia.

3. *What is the cost per HAI?*

It is not possible for us to estimate the absolute cost but there are publicly available national reference costs published in literature but based on the acute trust management. Nothing for community costs has been published as far as we are aware.

4. *What would be a reasonable cost per room for disinfection?*

There is no 'reasonable' cost as that is subjective, we have our actual cost for room disinfection but this will be different based on risk and is made up of materials, down time and resource costs.

5. *How long does it take to turn over a room?*

This will be different for each room as the size of rooms vary.

6. *What percentage of surfaces get disinfected during a room turnover?*

We are unable to provide a percentage of surfaces as this will be different for every room based on the risk category the room falls in to.

7. *What log reduction is expected for surface disinfection?*

We are unable to calculate the log reduction as it would depend on disinfectant and its activity against specific organisms.

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