

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.041
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Thank you for your email received 12 May 2022 requesting information regarding sepsis management.

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

Summary of your original request:

1. Which screening tools is used in your hospital to aid early recognition and treatment of sepsis?

KCHFT uses Sepsis screening and action tools created by the UK Sepsis Trust to support the decision-making process in identifying and responding to sepsis.

2. Do you have a National Early Warning Score (NEWS2) system at your Hospital for sepsis management?

Yes

3. What score would alert your hospital to consider sepsis treatment for patient?

There is a recommendation from the Royal College of Physicians that we should ‘think sepsis’ if a patient presented with a NEWS2 score of 5 or more. This is reflected in our escalation pathway and taught as part of the training in Recognising and responding to Deterioration. We also encourage a Senior Clinician review if a patient presents with a score of 3 in a single parameter (meaning a red score in line with NEWS2) so they can be assessed and a plan made on frequency or monitoring or escalation if required.

4. What is the morality rate of sepsis at your hospital for 2019, 2020 and 2021?

The information provided states the mortality of sepsis within our community hospitals based on the documentation reviewed as part of the Mortality review process which commenced in 2020. To date, we do not have the clinical coding to allow KCHFT to provide data from electronic systems when death from sepsis in community hospitals has been identified. Therefore, this is the only data that we can provide which is an accurate reflection as all deaths within our Community Hospitals are reviewed using the Mortality Review process.

Mortality rate of Sepsis for KCHFT	
Year	Total number of recorded sepsis associated death
2019	None as the Mortality Review process was not in place at this time
2020	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepsis

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urosepsis • Sepsis
2021	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chest sepsis • Intra-abdominal sepsis • Urinary sepsis

5. Do you have sepsis information materials (booklets) for patients and their loved ones at your intensive care unit?

KCHFT does not have an ITU area as we are not an acute trust.

6. Do you have support service information for victims of sepsis?

Yes, we have a sepsis platform available on our intranet including staff and patient information leaflets and the contact details of the UK sepsis trusts

7. Do you have information about sepsis on your hospital website?

Yes, there is sepsis information on our Trust intranet for our staff.