

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_344\_16**

### **You asked:**

This request relates specifically to water hygiene and the measures taken to prevent infection from waterborne pathogens.

**1. Number of failed microbiological samples per head of patient population and what pathogen (Legionella, Pseudomonas etc.) caused the failed sample.**

Two failed samples for Pseudomonas. We have determined 'failed' to be where the readings have been high.

**2. Number of point-of-use filters used per annum to prevent waterborne bacteria exiting the water system and threatening patient safety.**

None - We have point of use filters available to use in an emergency situation. As yet there has been no requirement to utilise these.

**3. A breakdown of the application for which each filter type is used broken down as follows:**

- a. Shower**
- b. Tap**
- c. Birth Pool / Burn Tub**
- d. Other**

N/A

**4. An explanation of the typical measures taken to prevent infection from the washbasin waste.**

Hand basins are full cleaned every day using sanitizer as directed within all ward and department cleaning schedules at all sites. They are also spot checked and cleaned throughout the day where found necessary.