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<b>Subject:</b>	Clostridium difficile (C Diff) patients
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**Requested:**

I am trying to gather some factual information with regards to C.Diff rates and the financial impact this has on the NHS.

1. Would it be possible to share some data on how many C Diff patient the organisation has had in the past 12 months?
2. Also, would you have any indication on the expense a C Diff patient costs NHS on average?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table overleaf, the number of recorded C Diff cases and specimens, during the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.

Period	Number of cases/specimens
August 2021	13
September 2021	15
October 2021	18
November 2021	15
December 2021	12
January 2022	9
February 2022	9
March 2022	11
April 2022	17
May 2022	16
June 2022	16
July 2022	16

Please note:- the number of cases provided is based on count of specimen with some patients having more than one (1) specimen submitted and includes both inpatients and non-inpatients.

2. The UHB regrets to inform you that it does not hold this information.