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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

1. *Who is the policy or clinical lead for blood culture best practice at your trust? Please provide a name, job title, postal address, email address and phone number.*

[We do not have a designated policy/clinical lead for blood culture best practice within the Trust.](#)

2. *Does your Trust follow the Public Health England SMI guidelines for blood cultures?*

[Yes.](#)

3. *How many blood culture sets are taken for each suspected case of (a) sepsis and (b) other bacterial infection, and where there is more than one blood culture set taken are these taken from different sites - please provide an answer for both (a) and (b).*

[a. One or more sets which may be taken from varying sites](#)

[b. One or more sets which may be taken from varying sites](#)

4. *How many individual blood cultures were taken at your trust in the following years: (a) 2012/13 (b) 2013/14 (c) 2014/15 (d) 2015/16 (e) 2016/17?*

[a,4820](#) [b,4457](#) [c,4676](#) [d,5462](#) [e,5244](#)

5. *How many individual blood cultures were identified as being contaminated in the following years: (a) 2012/13 (b) 2013/14 (c) 2014/15 (d) 2015/16 (e) 2016/17?*

[a,131](#) [b,118](#) [c,112](#) [d,102](#) [e,102](#)

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Rob Forster', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Rob Forster
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance & Informatics

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