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Date: 28th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28th February 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would be greatly appreciative if you could provide the following information:

- 1. Number of blood cultures taken from patients in intensive care units in your Trust that grew coagulase-negative staphylococci (including coagulase-negative staphylococci that were identified to species level) from January 2023 to December 2024.**
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- 2. Please confirm whether in your Trust antimicrobial susceptibility testing data is routinely available for all coagulase-negative staphylococcal blood culture isolates or only for those deemed to be a cause of infection.**
The Trust routinely do this but not for a contaminator.
- 3. If antimicrobial susceptibility testing data is available for all coagulase-negative staphylococcal blood culture isolates, please indicate how far back in time and for what time period is the antimicrobial susceptibility testing data available.**
More than 30 years.
- 4. Please confirm the antimicrobial susceptibility testing method used in your Trust, e.g. disc diffusion, Vitek 2, and whether EUCAST or CLSI interpretative criteria are used.**
Vitek like.

5. Please confirm whether coagulase-negative staphylococcal blood culture isolates in your Trust are routinely retained in the laboratory, e.g. on beads or on slopes.

Yes.

6. If yes to Question 5, indicate how far back in time and for what time period coagulase-negative staphylococcal blood culture isolates are available. Please indicate if only select isolates are available, for example, those considered to be a cause of bloodstream infection.

Blood stream isolates. The isolates are available for up to 2 years.

7. Does your Trust use whole-body skin bacterial decontamination for all or selected patients?
Selected patients.

8. With respect to whole-body skin decontamination, please confirm to which hospital patient groups this is administered, e.g. all admissions, only high-impact acute specialities, only MRSA-positive patient. Please provide the relevant Trust policy/guideline.

Only high impact acute specialities, MRSA and MSSA positive patients. Please find the policies attached.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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The Information Commissioner's Office
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