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Response Due: 18th August 2025

Date: 13th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21st July 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:

Please may you provide me with the information for the following:

1. Testing and Management Protocols for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

1.1. Does your trust have a clinical protocol for testing and managing patients for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)?

Yes.

If yes:

a) Is your CRE testing protocol primarily molecular-based?

Yes.

b) If not, please specify which type of testing protocol is followed.

N/A.

1.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for CRE from?

BD and Cepheid.

2. Testing Protocols for *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile) Infection

2.1. Does your trust have a formal protocol for testing patients for *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile) infection?

Yes.

If yes:

a) Is your C. difficile testing protocol molecular-based?

Yes.

b) If not, please specify the testing method used.

N/A.

2.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for C. difficile from?

BD.

3. Testing and Procurement for Tuberculosis (TB) Resistance

3.1. What methods does your trust use to test for tuberculosis (TB) resistance?

None, samples are referred to the reference laboratory.

3.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for TB resistance from?

N/A.

Please note: Your questions have been answered with assistance from Northern Care Alliance/Pathology at Wigan and Salford (PAWS).

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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