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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Infection control testing.

You asked:

- 1. Do you routinely carry out point of care tests for bacterial and viral infections?*
- 2. In what scenarios do you use point of care testing?*
- 3. What is the average length of time taken for results of point of care tests for bacterial and viral infections to be delivered?*
- 4. Which bacterial or viral infections do you test for specifically? a) MRSA, b) C.diff, c) E.coli, d) CPE, e) any others?*

Trust response:

1. No, we do not routinely carry out point of care tests for bacterial or viral infections
2. The point of care test for infections performed in the Trust is a point of care test for HIV infection. This HIV point of care test is only performed in the Genitourinary Medicine Clinics (GUM clinics). Other requests for HIV testing are performed in the Microbiology Laboratory.
3. The HIV point of care test takes a few minutes to give a result.
4. HIV point of care testing.