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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 prevention and control.

You asked:

- 1. What point of care facilities does your trust have for the diagnosis of:*
 - a. Group A streptococcal bacteria*
 - b. Influenza virus*
 - c. Clostridium difficile*
 - d. Staphylococcus aureus*
- 2. Does your trust require diagnostic tests before prescribing:*
 - a. Penicillins*
 - b. Aminoglycosides*
 - c. Tetracyclines*
 - d. Macrolides*
 - e. Co-amoxiclav*
 - f. Cephalosporins*
 - g. Carbapenems*
 - h. Quinolones*
- 3. What plans does your trust have to procure new diagnostic equipment using the additional funding for additional diagnostic equipment and staff capacity?*

Trust response:

1.
 - a. None
 - b. None
 - c. None
 - d. None

All diagnostics are carried out in the microbiology laboratory at Maidstone Hospital

2.

There is an expectation that diagnostic tests will be carried out prior to antibiotic prescribing at all times. Prescribing is not dependant on the availability of microbiology results but on the patient's clinical presentation

3. None currently