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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 IDS Blood Culture.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. Does your Trust have a process for skin preparation/cleaning prior to blood collection? Y/N*
- 2. Do you take two sets of blood cultures each time as recommended in the guidance? Y/N*
- 3. If no, what percentage of patients do have two sets of blood cultures taken?*
- 4. Do you measure the volume of blood taken each time a blood culture is taken (the recommended amount is 20ml per sample)? Y/N*
- 5. Do you measure the time between blood sample collection and the sample being loaded onto an analyser instrument (the recommended maximum time is four hours)? Y/N*
- 6. If yes, what is the average time?*
- 7. Do you collect data on blood sample contamination? Y/N*
- 8. Is the data described above reported at Board level as recommended?*

Trust response:

1. YES
2. No
3. 4.2% in March 23
4. YES
5. YES
6. 9.5hrs
7. NO
8. NO