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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013462 – Blood cultures

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information from your Trust:

1. Who is the policy or clinical lead for blood culture best practice at your trust? Please provide a name, job title, postal address, email address and phone number.

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2. Does your Trust follow the Public Health England SMI guidelines for blood cultures?

Our current guidelines are being reviewed to ensure consistency.

3. How many blood culture sets are taken for each suspected case of (a) sepsis and (b) other bacterial infection, and where there is more than one blood culture set taken are these taken from different sites -please provide an answer for both (a) and (b).

This data is not routinely gathered by the Trust.

4. How many individual blood cultures were taken at your trust in the following years:

(a) 2012/13 = 10,174 (b) 2013/14 = 10,435 (c) 2014/15 = 10,623 (d) 2015/16 = 11,931 (e) 2016/17 = 11,545?

5. How many individual blood cultures were identified as being contaminated in the following years: (a) 2012/13 (b) 2013/14 (c) 2014/15 (d) 2015/16 (e) 2016/17?

Do not routinely collect this data.