

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 10th 2024 I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Prior to blood culture collection, what skin asepsis solution does your hospital/Trust/Health Board use in the skin preparation/ cleaning process - (a) licensed skin antiseptic applicator (b) licensed skin disinfection wipe (c) non licensed wipe (d) other?

Chloraprep/Hexiprep

2. How long do you clean the patient's skin for and what technique is used?

As per Aseptic Non-Touch Techniques for phlebotomy procedure

3. How long does your organisation allow the patients skin to dry before blood culture collection?

As above

4. Do you know the percentage of contamination rate of blood cultures in your organisation?

6.3%

5. What is the management process following a confirmed blood sample contamination. Is it escalation to (a) infection control team (b) microbiology (c) education and development (d) other, please specify or (e) no process?

Depending on the initial investigation into the patient and whether subsequent sampling has occurred. Consideration will also be given to whether the sample is pre or postmortem, if challenges exist with patient physical presentation impacting access for phlebotomy and what organism has contaminated the sample.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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