

26 March 2025

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Tuesday 18 March 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

**Does your Trust have a process for skin preparation/cleaning prior to blood collection?**

Yes

**Do you take two sets of blood cultures each time as recommended in the guidance?**

No

**If no, what percentage of patients do have two sets of blood cultures taken?**

Unable to calculate.

**Do you measure the volume of blood taken each time a blood culture is taken (the recommended amount is 20ml per sample)?**

Yes, we achieved 81 % we would communicate to Wards of the importance of getting to lab, however in FY 24/25 this KPI was stopped to review other KPI

**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)?**

No

**If yes, what is the average time?**

N/A

**Do you collect data on blood sample contamination?**

Yes

**Is the data described above reported at Board level as recommended?**

Yes, raised at the Patient Safety and IPC meeting when high levels of contamination are seen.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Administrator  
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