



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th July 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding tests for bacterial and viral infections.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Do you routinely carry out point of care tests for bacterial and viral infections?

A1 No

Q2 In what scenarios do you use point of care testing?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 What is the average length of time taken for results of point of care tests for bacterial and viral infections to be delivered?

A3 Not applicable

Q4 Which bacterial or viral infections do you test for specifically?

- a) MRSA,
- b) C.diff
- c) E.coli
- d) CPE
- e) any others?

A4 Not applicable

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance