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RE: Freedom of Information Request

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2nd May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th January 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 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 antiseptics applicator**
Chloroprep.
 - b. licensed skin disinfection wipe**
 - c. non licensed wipe**
 - d. other?**
- 2. How long do you clean the patient's skin for and what technique is used?**
Minimum of 30 seconds.
- 3. How long does your organisation allow the patients skin to dry before blood culture collection?**
Minimum of 30 seconds.
- 4. Do you know the percentage of contamination rate of blood cultures in your organisation?**
The Trusts overall contamination rate for 2023/24 was 5%
- 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**
 - e. no process?**

A and b and the Infection Prevention and Control team use the data in their update training.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team

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