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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

### **1. Testing and Management Protocols for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)**

#### **1.1. Does your trust have a clinical protocol for testing and managing patients for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)?**

Yes

If yes:

#### **a) Is your CRE testing protocol primarily molecular-based?**

Partially

#### **b) If not, please specify which type of testing protocol is followed.**

If organism is below the disc zone threshold for Carbapenemase investigation, it may be tested for 'big 5' using Cepheid GeneXpert or Rosco disc diffusion test.

#### **1.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for CRE from?**

Cepheid, Rosco

### **2. Testing Protocols for Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile) Infection**

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**2.1. Does your trust have a formal protocol for testing patients for Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile) infection?**

Yes

**If yes:**

**a) Is your C. difficile testing protocol molecular-based?**

Partially

**b) If not, please specify the testing method used.**

Screen using GDH Immunocard, if positive then test for C. diff toxin using Immunocard and C. diff PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert.

**2.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for C. difficile from?**

Meridian Bioscience (GDH and CDT immunocards) and Cepheid

**3. Testing and Procurement for Tuberculosis (TB) Resistance**

**3.1. What methods does your trust use to test for tuberculosis (TB) resistance?**

None – specimens sent to Microbiology at Brighton – University Hospitals Sussex NHS Trust

**3.2. Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for TB resistance from?**

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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