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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Please provide answers to the following questions regarding your microbiology department:

- 1. What version of the EUCAST breakpoint tables is currently in use within your microbiology department for antimicrobial susceptibility testing?**

EUCAST version 15.

- 2. What is your process for updating to new EUCAST versions?**

A Senior BMS has the specific responsibility to look for changes when a new version is issued and implement those changes.

- 3. If you are not currently using the latest version (v16.0), what is the reason for this?**

This year, the process has been delayed for several reasons. Firstly, the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) inspection, in February, contributed to the postponement. In addition, there were no significant changes to zone sizes, reducing the urgency of updates.

Finally, many dispensers need to be modified to accommodate the new antibiotic sets required for the upcoming Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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