

Ref. No: FOI1816
Date: 06/06/2025
Subject: blood culture pathway

REQUEST

1. Does your Trust have a process for skin preparation/cleaning prior to blood collection? Y/N
2. Do you take two sets of blood cultures each time as recommended in the guidance? Y/N
3. If no, what percentage of patients do have two sets of blood cultures taken?
4. Do you measure the volume of blood taken each time a blood culture is taken (the recommended amount is 20ml per sample)? Y/N
5. 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)? Y/N
6. If yes, what is the average time?
7. Do you collect data on blood sample contamination? Y/N
8. Is the data described above reported at Board level as recommended?

RESPONSE

This information is available –

<https://www.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/foi-requests-2024-25>

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