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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 41636 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Skin Asepsis Solution

Your request is set out below:

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
 - 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?
3. How long does your organisation allow the patients skin to dry before blood culture collection?
4. Do you know the percentage of contamination rate of blood cultures in your organisation?
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 or
 - e. no process

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust do not collect blood culture, if a patient required this type of procedure it was be completed by the Acute Trusts in the Kent and Medway area.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department