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I am responding to your request for information received 21 July 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

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**Request:**

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

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

Answer: Yes, we have a protocol in place for managing CRE cases.

**Question 1.2: If yes:**

- a) Is your CRE testing protocol primarily molecular-based?**
- b) If not, please specify which type of testing protocol is followed.**

Answer: CRE testing is carried out in line with national microbiology laboratories testing requirements.

**Question 1.3: Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for CRE from?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1.3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—  
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**Testing Protocols for *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile) Infection**

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

Answer: Yes, we have a protocol in place for managing C.Diff cases.

**Question 2.2: If yes:**

- a) Is your C. difficile testing protocol molecular-based?**
- b) If not, please specify the testing method used.**

Answer: Testing is carried out in line with national microbiology laboratories testing requirements.

**Question 2.3: Which diagnostic companies or providers does your trust procure molecular testing kits for services for C. difficile from?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2.3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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## **Testing and Procurement for Tuberculosis (TB) Resistance**

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

Answer: Testing for TB is carried out in line with national microbiology laboratories testing requirements.

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

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3.3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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