

Ref FOI17 184  
Date 5 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

**1. Who is the policy or clinical lead for blood culture best practice at your trust? Please provide a name, job title, postal address, email address and phone number.**

Response - Names and contact details of staff constitute personal data as defined within the Data Protection Act 1998 and as such are exempt from provision under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we can advise that this falls within the remit of Shaun Stacey, Chief Operating Officer. Further details about the Trust and the roles of its Directors is readily available on the Trust website. [www.iow.nhs.uk](http://www.iow.nhs.uk)

**2. Does your Trust follow the Public Health England SMI guidelines for blood cultures?**

Response - Yes

**3. How many blood culture sets are taken for each suspected case of (a) sepsis and (b) other bacterial infection, and where there is more than one blood culture set taken are these taken from different sites - please provide an answer for both (a) and (b).**

Response – (a) 1 blood culture set  
(b) 3 blood culture sets are taken from different sites in cases of a query relating to Sub-acute Bacterial Endocarditis (SBE).

**4. How many individual blood cultures were taken at your trust in the following years: (a) 2012/13 (b) 2013/14 (c) 2014/15 (d) 2015/16 (e) 2016/17?**

Response – (a) 3971 (b) 4142 (c) 4760 (d) 5120 (e) 5358

**5. How many individual blood cultures were identified as being contaminated in the following years: (a) 2012/13 (b) 2013/14 (c) 2014/15 (d) 2015/16 (e) 2016/17?**

Response – (a) 270 (b) 541 (c) 492 (d) 366 (e) 254

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

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Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

**Freedom of Information Team**

