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Our Ref: FOI 3304

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Dear Sirs

Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 04.04.17 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Question 1

Do the NHS vans that transport samples have a vacuum chamber contained within for such delicate samples?

No.

Question 2

What conditions are the samples held in once arriving at the Clinical Testing Laboratory

Room temperature.

Question 3

Does the Clinical Testing Laboratories have a vacuum chamber for such delicate samples.

Question makes no sense. If the question is does the lab have an anaerobic cabinet then the answer is no.

Question 4

Does the Clinical Testing Laboratories use an electron microscope to identify pathogens.

No.

Question 5

The woman who I believe I passed Actinomycosis to (via sexual intercourse or via oral sex) only had Actinomycosis identified by use of an electron Microscope at Infectious Diseases and Communicable Laboratories in Edinburgh.

Are suspected cases of Actinomycoses infections, Maxiofacial, Thoracic, Pelvic and

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Gastroenteral routinely sent to Infectious and Communicable Diseases Laboratories in your area?

No. Cultured locally.

Question 7

To my knowledge Culture Testing for Actinomycois infections require up to three weeks. Please explain why NHS Laboratories only test cultures for one week in total? Quote from my own test result 24/02/17 - "Culture – No Growth. Culture will be incubated for 7 days in total. No further report will be issued unless culture becomes positive"

NHS Western Isles follows national SOP which states culture for 10 days.

Question 8

In the UK Actinomycosis with antibiotic resistance incidence is quoted on NHS website as 1:300000. In Holland and Germany the incidence is quoted as 1:100000. In Pelvic Actinomycosis in the UK (female infections) the IUD is blamed as causation in 10% of cases yet in the USA it is (One Tenth of One Percent).

Please provide the figures of cases of Actinomycosis with antibiotic resistance identified in both men and women in NHS Forth Valley from 2000 to 2016

Not applicable.

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach Street, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

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If you have any further queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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