

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 613**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 13/02/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1. *What point of care facilities does your trust have for the diagnosis of:*

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| a. Group A streptococcal bacteria | <b>None</b> |
| b. Influenza virus                | <b>None</b> |
| c. Clostridium difficile          | <b>None</b> |
| d. Staphylococcus aureus          | <b>None</b> |

2. *Does your trust require diagnostic tests before prescribing:*

- a. Penicillins
- b. Aminoglycosides
- c. Tetracyclines
- d. Macrolides
- e. Co-amoxiclav
- f. Cephalosporins
- g. Carbapenems
- h. Quinolones

**Diagnostic tests are not empirical for prescribing these treatments.**

3. *What plans do your trust have to procure new diagnostic equipment using the additional funding for additional diagnostic equipment and staff capacity?*

**The Trust is unaware of any additional funding.**