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Locations covered by the organisation and their relevant activities

Laboratory locations:

Location details	Activity	Location code	
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HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES Specimens from genital tract CAPD fluid ENT specimens (ear, nose, per nasal, nasopharyngeal, throat & mouth swabs & sinus aspirate) Canalicular Pus, Intraocular Fluids Skin & superficial wounds, post-op wounds, tissues, fluids & bile Sterile tissues and fluids Orthopaedic Samples Intravascular cannulae Neonatal infection screen Specimens from genital tract CAPD fluid ENT specimens (ear, nose, per nasal, nasopharyngeal, throat & mouth swabs & sinus aspirate) Canalicular Pus, Intraocular Fluids Skin & superficial wounds, post-op wounds, tissues, fluids & bile Sterile tissues and fluids Orthopaedic Samples Intravascular cannulae Neonatal infection screen	<u>Microbiology examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis:</u> Isolation of bacterial isolates of clinical significance.	In house documented procedures following current UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs) and incorporating manufacturers' instructions as relevant. Automated inoculation using the WASP system and SOPs EMC-BSOP-019, EMC-BSOP-025, EMC-BSOP-026	A
	Isolation of bacterial isolates of clinical significance.	Manual inoculation and culture: Using EMC-BSOP-025, EMC-BSOP-026,	A



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Urine	Isolation of clinically significant bacteria and fungi	Manual culture (BD Orientation) EMC-BSOP-002	A
Urine	Detection, identification & quantification of White blood cells Red blood cells Squamous epithelial cells Bacterial cells Casts	Automated microscopy by UF 5000 (Sysmex) EMC-BSOP-002	A
Blood	Culture, isolation and identification of bacterial isolates of clinical significance.	Automated blood culture using colorimetric methodology on the Biomerieux Virtuo Blood Culture Machine, A units and B units. SOP EMC-BSOP-037.	A
Blood	Detection of microbial growth with subsequent analysis of positive samples at Location A Reporting of negative samples only	Automated blood culture using colorimetric methodology on the Biomerieux Virtuo Blood Culture Machine, A units and B units. SOP EMC-BSOP-037.	B, C, D
Swabs	Screening specimens for MRSA	Manual culture using EMC-BSOP-012	A
Faeces/rectal swabs	Screening specimens for ESBL, CPE and VRE	Culture using chromogenic media for ESBL, CPE and VRE EMC BSOP-012 CPE by Cepheid Expert PCR EMC-BSOP-034	A
Sputum, Bronchoalveolar lavage, pleural fluid, swabs	Isolation of clinically significant bacteria and fungi	Manual culture EMC-BSOP-003	A



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Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)	Quantification of white and red blood cells, detection of bacteria, fungi, Cryptococcal antigen	Manual culture, microscopy – Kovo disposable counting chamber/Fuchs Rosenthal counting chamber, identification by Gram stain WBC differential by Toluidine Blue Cryptococcus antigen detection by IMMY CrAg lateral flow procedure EMC-BSOP-014	A
Bacterial and fungal isolates cultured in house from above.	Identification of bacterial isolates of clinical significance.	Manual: Direct latex agglutination: Strep PathoDextra (Oxoid) PROLEX STAPH XTRA LATEX KIT (Prolab)	A
		Microscopy (Gram stain) on pus and fluids for presence of WBCs and organisms by manual staining or by bioMérieux: PREVI-Color Gram EMC-BSOP-010	A
Bacterial and fungal isolates cultured in house from above.	Identification of bacterial isolates of clinical significance.	Automated: EMC-BSOP-010 PREVI-Color Gram EMC-BSOP-027 VITEK 2 Systems EMC-BSOP-008 VITEK MS (MALDI-TOF): EMC-BSOP-028 EntericBio EMC-BSOP-040	A



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Sputum, Bronchoalveolar lavage, pleural fluid, swabs	Isolation and investigation of Mycobacteria sp of clinical significance.	Microscopy by Fluorescent auramine stain for presence of Mycobacterium spp EMC-BSOP-006 Culture by BD MGIT 960 MP and LJ slopes EMC-BSOP-006 Dagatron staining EMC-BSOP-039	A
Faeces	Microbiological examination for <i>Salmonella and Shigella spp</i> <i>Campylobacter spp</i> <i>Escherichia coli 0157:H7</i> <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> <i>Vibrio spp</i> <i>Plesiomonas</i>	EntericBio PCR - EMC-BSOP-040 run on Roche Light Cyclor Confirmations by manual culture using EMC-BSOP-029	A
Sellotape anal impression slide	Microscopy for Enterobius ova	Direct light microscopy EMC-BSOP-030	A
Faeces	Detection of OCP including Cryptosporidium oocysts and Giardia lamblia trophozoites	EMC-BSOP-030 Cryptosporidium/Giardia by EntericBio PCR EMC-BSOP-040 run on Roche Light Cyclor	A
Nail clippings, skin scrapings, hair	Isolation and identification of clinically significant fungi	Manual culture and fluorescent microscopy using calco-fluor white (Oxoid) and light microscopy using lactofuchsin stain (Prolab) for identification: EMC-BSOP-011	A
Laboratory isolates	Susceptibility testing	Automated antimicrobial susceptibilities: using EUCAST guidelines VITEK 2 Systems, EMC-BSOP-008 Cephid EMC-BSOP-034	A



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Laboratory isolates	Susceptibility testing	Manual susceptibilities by disc (Oxoid) diffusion following EUCAST and by (BSAC) EMC-BSOP-036 Confirmation using EMC-BSOP-024: Mastdiscs combi – ESBL & AmpC Detection Following EUCAST - Disc Sets (MAST) EMC-BSOP-024 Mastdiscs combi – Carbapenemase Detection Antibiotic gradient strips for MICs (Oxoid) EMC-BSOP-036	A
	<u>Serological examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis:</u>	In house documented procedures following current UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs) and incorporating manufacturers' instructions as relevant.	
Serum	Detection of Bartonella	EMC-VSP-010 – IFA IgG (Focus Diagnostics)	A
Serum	Detection of Streptococci	ASO: EMC-VSP-016 - Latex agglutination (Biokit) ADB: EMC-VSP-017 - Neutralisation immunoassay (bioMérieux)	A
Serum	Detection of:	bioMérieux VIDAS using ELFA measurement:	A
	CMV	IgG: EMC-VSP-002 App 3 IgM: EMC-VSP-002 App 3 Avidity: EMC-VSP-002 App 4	A
Serum	EBV serology (VCA IgM, VCA IgG and EBNA, IgG)	Diasorin Liaison XL System EMC-VSP-025	A



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Serum	Detection of:	bioMérieux VIDAS using ELFA measurement:	A
	<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> (lyme Disease) IgG and IgM	EMC-VSP-002 App 9	A
	Hepatitis B anti-HBc IgM	EMC-VSP-002 App 6	A
	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) confirmation	EMC-VSP-002 App 8	A
	Toxoplasma IgG	EMC-VSP-002 App 11	A
	Hepatitis C confirmation	EMC-VSP-002 App 7	A
	Rubella Serology	IgM: EMC-VSP-002 App 10	A
		Documented in-house methods to meet the requirements of the Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy Screening Programme as defined in the laboratory QA evidence requirements' (targets marked *)	
Serum	Detection of:	Abbott Architect using CMIA:	A
	Hepatitis A Serology	IgG: EMC-VSP-001 App 6 IgM: EMC-VSP-001 App 7	A
	Hepatitis B anti-HBc (Total)	EMC-VSP-001 App 4	A
	Hepatitis B anti-HBe	EMC-VSP-001 App 11	A
	Hepatitis B anti-HBs	EMC-VSP-001 App 5	A
	Hepatitis B e antigen	EMC-VSP-001 App 11	A
	Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)*	Screen: EMC-VSP-001 App 3	A



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Serum (cont'd)	Detection of: (cont'd)	Abbott Architect using CMIA:	A
	Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) confirmation	EMC-VSP-001 App 10 - Murex HBsAg confirmatory kit (neutralisation)	A
	Hepatitis C Serology	Screen: EMC-VSP-001 App 2	A
	* HIV-1 & HIV-2 Antibodies and HIV1 p24 Antigen*	Screen: EMC-VSP-001 App 1	A
	Rubella	IgG: EMC-VSP-001 App 8	A
Serum	Syphilis total Antibody*	Screen: EMC-VSP-001 App 9 - Immunoassay (CMIA) on Abbott Architect	A
Serum	Hepatitis E Serology	IgG: EMC-VSP-013 – EIA (Fortress Diagnostics) IgM: EMC-VSP-013 – EIA (Fortress Diagnostics)	A
Serum	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) typing	Typing: EMC-VSP-005 Geenius HIV 1/2 Confirmatory Assay (ICT)	A
Serum	Detection of Measles IgG	EMC-VSP-019 - NovaLisa Measles virus IgG (ELISA)	A



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Serum/plasma	Parvovirus IgG and IgM	Orgentec Alegria ELISA analyser using Alegria Parvovirus IgG and IgM kit following: EMC-VSP-003 EMC-VSP-003 Appendix 7	A
Blood	Varicella zoster virus IgG	EMC-VSP-003 App 4 – ORGENTEC Alegria ELISA	A
Faeces	Rotavirus Antigens Adenovirus Antigens Norovirus Antigens	RIDA@QUICK Rota / Adeno / Noro Combi EMC-VSP-027	A
Faeces	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i> antigen and toxin detection	Screening for toxin gene by EntericBio PCR EMC-BSOP-040 run on Roche Light Cycler Toxin detection by Rapid EIA with TechLab Cl.difficile Tox A/B QuickChek EMC-BSOP-041 TechLab C. DIFF QUIK CHEK COMPLETE for urgent requests (GDH/Toxin)	A
Faeces	Detection of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Antigen	EMC-VSP-012 App 1 – EIA (Premier Platinum HpSA PLUS)	A
Urine	Detection of Legionella urinary antigen	BINAX Now EMC-VSP-029	A
Urine	Detection of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> urinary antigen test	BINAX Now EMC-VSP-029	A



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Serum	Detection of antibodies to Treponema pallidum by TPHA	EMC-VSP-023 ASI TPHA Test	
Serum	Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR)	EMC-VSP-022 ASI RPR Card Test for Syphilis	
HUMAN BODY FLUIDS AND TISSUES (cont'd)	<u>Molecular examination activities for the purposes of clinical diagnosis:</u>	In house documented procedures following current UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs) and incorporating manufacturers' instructions as relevant.	
Urine, swabs (endocervical, urethral, vaginal)	Detection of <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoea</i>	Hologic Panther DTS System EMC-VMP-007 using Transcription Mediated Amplification (NAATs)	A
Urine, swabs (endocervical, urethral, vaginal)	Detection of Trichomonas vaginalis (TV) DNA	Hologic Panther DTS System using Transcription Mediated Amplification (NAATs) following: EMC-VMP-007	A
Bacterial isolates	Molecular detection of MRSA	PCR using Cepheid GeneXpert following: EMC-BSOP-034 EMC-BSOP-034 Appendix 11	A
Faeces, rectal swabs	Norovirus 1&2 RNA	EMC-VMP-006 – Nucleic Acid Extraction. EMC-VMP-005 - Real-Time PCR on RIDAGene	A



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CSF, swabs, fluids (vesicle, vitreous)	Systemic PCR for HSV 1/2, Varicella zoster virus, Parechovirus, Enterovirus, Adenovirus	EMC-VMP-006 – Nucleic Acid Extraction. EMC-VMP-008 - Amplification and Detection by real-time PCR	A
Nasal and throat swabs, nasopharyngeal swabs, nasopharyngeal aspirate, tracheal aspiration, bronchial washing and bronchoalveolar lavage	Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA: ORF1 gene ORF8 gene	Nucleic Acid Extraction using Qiagen QiaSymphonySP Amplification and Detection by real-time PCR using AusDiagnostics HighPlex SOPs: EMC-VMP-006 EMC-VMP-019	A
Urine, saliva, blood, CSF, Amniotic fluid	Detection of CMV DNA	Real-time PCR assay using ELITech ELITE InGenius analyser following: EMC-VMP-016	A
Plasma	Detection of HEV RNA	Real-time PCR assay using ELITech ELITE InGenius System EMC-VMP-033	A
BAL Sputum	Detection of Pneumocystis jirovecii DNA	Real-time PCR assay using ELITech ELITE InGenius System EMC-VMP-032	A



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CSF	Detection of meningitis pathogen nucleic acid	Real-time PCR MV, MV2 and MB MBG assays using ELITech ELITe InGenius analyser following: EMC-VMP-016	
CSF, swabs (dry and VTM), fluids (sterile universal) Faeces specimens (sterile universal) Tissue samples (sterile universal)	HSV1 HSV2 VZV EV Parechovirus hAdv N. meningitidis S. pneumoniae H. influenzae H. influenzae type B	Aus Diagnostics – MT PCR PROCESSER Aus Diagnostics – MT PCR ANALYSER EMC-VMP-026 AusDiagnostics Viral (12 Well)	
Plasma	Viral (12 well) panel HSV-1 HSV-2 VZV, HeV (includes types A, B, C and D), HPeV, hAdV (includes species B, B, E and some A, D; excludes hAdV 21)	NeuMoDx 96 Molecular System EMC-VMP-027 Qiagen NeuMoDx Quant Assays	



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