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### Laboratory locations:

Location details	Activity	Location code
<b>Address</b> Microbiology Department Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Mindelsohn Way Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2WB  <b>Local Contact</b> Catherine Swann	Bacteriology Parasitology Mycology Serology Molecular Biology	A
<b>Address</b> Biochemistry Department Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Mindelsohn Way Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2WB  <b>Local Contact:</b> Catherine Swann	Automated examinations in support of bacteriology and serology	B
<b>Address</b> Department of Genito-Urinary Medicine Whittal Street Clinic Whittal Street Birmingham B4 6DH  <b>Local Contact:</b> Catherine Swann	Bacteriology in support of a GUM Clinic	C



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Materials/Products tested	Type of test/Properties measured/Range of measurement	Standard specifications/ Equipment/Techniques used	Location Code
<p><b>HUMAN TISSUES AND FLUIDS</b></p> <p>Cellular and fluid material contained on swabs from eyes, ears and throat, skin, sites, wounds, burns, ulcers and abscesses</p> <p>Catheter tips, drainage fluids, pleural fluids, bile and pus</p> <p>Tissues, biopsies, specimens from central nervous system</p> <p>Tissue from endoprosthetic revision, vertebral discs and associated aspirates and swabs.</p> <p>Tissues from patients with blast or other traumatic injury</p> <p>Sinus aspirates and antral washouts</p> <p>Cellular fluid material contained on swabs from the Genito-urinary Tract</p>	<p><u>Microbiological examination activities for the purpose of clinical diagnosis</u></p> <p>Isolation and characterisation of microorganisms of clinical significance</p>	<p>In-house documented procedures following current Public Health England (PHE) Standards for Microbiological Investigations (SMIs)</p> <p>Manual inoculation of selected culture media using in-house procedures:</p> <p>MIC.S005 Manual inoculation of culture media.</p> <p>MIC.S008 Routine General Bench Microbiology</p> <p>MIC.S013 Processing Specimens on the Priority Section</p> <p>MIC.S010 Genital specimens</p>	A



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Blood, fluids, aspirates, (pre-inoculated bottles)	Isolation and characterisation of microorganisms of clinical significance (cont'd)	MIC.S029 BacT/Alert 3D Blood Cultures	A
Transfused blood and blood products; stem cell and bone marrow concentrates.		MIC.S030 Investigation of adverse reactions associated with transfusions of blood and blood products.	
Cellular and fluid material contained on swabs	Screening for Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)	Manual inoculation, incubation and imaging of chromogenic culture media as above and using: MIC.S009 MRSA screening	A
Cellular and fluid material contained on rectal swabs, faecal specimens, wound swabs, sputum and urine specimens	Screening for bacteria with carbapenem hydrolysing $\beta$ lactamases (carbapenemases)	Manual inoculation of selected chromogenic culture media using in-house procedures: MIC.S028 Organism Screening	A
Faeces	Isolation and characterisation of enteric pathogens: Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, E.coli O157 and Vibrio spp.	Solid and enrichment culture: MIC.S021 Enteric pathogens	A
Sputum,, broncho-alveolar lavage	Isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance, (excluding <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> )	MIC.S027 Sputum, Broncho-alveolar lavages and associated specimens	A



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Cellular and fluid material contained on swabs from the Genito-urinary tract.	Examination for the presence of Neisseria gonorrhoea, Trichomonas vaginalis, Candida and diagnosis of Bacterial vaginosis	Light microscopy, fluorescent microscopy, and culture: MIC.S010 Genital Specimens MIC.S011 Bright Field and Fluorescence Microscopy (including Gram Stain)	A
Cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF). Ascitic fluid. Peritoneal dialysis fluid.	Isolation and characterisation of microorganisms of clinical significance by Gram's stain	Light Microscopy (Gram stain) and culture: MIC.S011 Bright Field and Fluorescence Microscopy (including Gram Stain) MIC.S013 Processing specimens on priority section	A
Synovial fluid and joint aspirates	Detection of crystals.	Polarising microscopy, light microscopy. MIC.S011, MIC.S013 Processing specimens on the Priority section	A
Skin, hair, nails	General isolation and characterisation of fungi and yeasts of clinical significance	Light Microscopy (Calcofluor white stain) and culture: MIC.S012 Mycology	A
Faeces Sellotape slide Perianal swab Urine	Detection of ova, cysts and parasites (OCP)	Light microscopy (unstained and iodine stain), and/or Formol-ether faecal concentration: MIC.S022 Parasitology	A
Bile Duodenal aspirates Jejunal aspirates	Examination for the presence of parasites (ova, cyst, trophozoites) of clinical significance:	Auramine phenol staining and incident-light fluorescence, Giemsa, Ziehl-Neelsen, iodine staining as appropriate: MIC.S022 Parasitology	A
Slides prepared from cellular and fluid material contained on swabs from the Genito-urinary tract.	Examination for the presence of Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Yeasts, and diagnosis of Bacterial vaginosis	Using Ison Hay criteria, gram stain for purposes of sexual health screen: MIC.S026 Whittall Street Clinic	C



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Slides prepared from cellular and fluid material contained on swabs from the Genito-urinary tract.	Examination for the presence of Trichomonas vaginalis.	Wet films for detection of TV for purposes of sexual health screen: MIC.S026 Whittall Street Clinic	C
Ascitic fluid, peritoneal dialysis fluid, CSF	Detection and quantification of white blood cells, red blood cells, epithelial cells and bacteria. Differential of white blood cells	Light microscopy: MIC.S013 Processing specimens on the Priority section. MIC.S011 The Gram stain and light microscopy Bright field and fluorescence microscopy (including gram stain).	A
Blood, fluids, aspirates	Isolation and characterisation of microorganisms of clinical significance	MIC.S029 BacT/Alert 3D Blood Cultures	A
Urine	Detection and quantification of white blood cells, red blood cells, epithelial cells and bacteria. Isolation and characterisation of micro-organisms of clinical significance	Differential cell count (flow cytometry) using UF-5000 (Sysmex). MIC.S019 Urines The Sysmex UF5000Urine Analyser MIC.S020 Urine culture	A
Cultures isolated in-house from the samples listed above.	Identification of microorganisms of clinical significance.	Manual biochemical and/or automated methods: MIC.S006 Identification methods MIC.S029 BacT/Alert 3D Blood Cultures MIC.S015 Vitek 2 identification and susceptibility testing.	A
Cultures isolated in-house from the samples listed above.	Identification of bacteria and yeasts of clinical significance.	Matrix assisted laser desorption ionization: MIC.S016 The BioMerieux Vitek MS-Maldi-TOF instrument	A



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Cultures isolated in-house from the samples listed above.	Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of clinically significant bacteria	Manual sensitivity testing: MIC.S014 Antibiotic susceptibility testing - EUCAST disc diffusion method.  Automated sensitivity testing: MIC.S015Vitek identification and susceptibility testing.	A
Neisseria gonorrhoea cultures isolated in-house from samples.	Antibiotic susceptibility testing of Neisseria gonorrhoea	Manual sensitivity testing: MIC.S017 Neisseria gonorrhoea susceptibility testing – EUCAST E-test methodology	A
Faeces	Detection of Clostridium difficile GDH  Detection of Clostridium difficile toxin A & B	MIC.S023Detection of Clostridium difficile	A



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Serum	Serological detection of:	Dynex DS2 using enzyme immunoassay (EIA): MIC.S077 Dynex DS2 instrument	A
	VZV IgG	MIC.S078 Varicella zoster virus IgG on Dynex DS2 using EIA	A
	Measles IgG	MIC.S079 Measles ELISA on DS2	
Faeces	H.pylori stool antigen	Dynex DS2 analyser using enzyme immunoassay (EIA): MIC.S083 H.pylori Stool Antigen on the DS2 MIC.S077 Dynex (DS2) Instrument	A
Serum	Anti-HTLV I/II		B
	Hepatitis A IgG (Total) Antibody (HAVAb IgG)		
	Hepatitis A IgM Antibody (HAVAb IgM)		
	Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (HBsAb)		
	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg)		
	Hepatitis B Core Antibody Total (HBcTotal)		
	Hepatitis B Core IgM Antibody (HBcIgM)		
	Hepatitis B e Antibody (HBeAb)		
	Hepatitis B e Antigen (HBeAg)		



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Serum (cont'd)	Hepatitis C Antibody (anti-HCV)		B
	Human Immunodeficiency Virus I & II, (HIV) Antigen/Antibody Combo (Ab to types 1 & 2 and p24 antigen)		
	Cytomegalovirus (CMV IgG)		
	Syphilis TP (antibodies to Treponema pallidum)		
	Toxoplasma gondii (Tox IgG)		
	Rubella (Rubella IgG)		
Serum	Confirmatory testing for syphilis by detection of Treponema pallidum antibodies	RPR - Qualitative & Semi-Quantitative non-treponemal flocculation test for the detection of reagin antibodies: MIC.S073 ASI Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) Test. TPHA - Qualitative & Semi-Quantitative for the presence of IgG & IgM: MIC.S074 ASI TPHA Test.	A
Serum, plasma, CSF	Qualitative or semi-quantitative detection of capsular polysaccharide antigens of Cryptococcus species complex	Immy Latex-Cryptococcus Antigen Test: MIC.S084 Immy Lateral Flow Cryptococcal Antigen Assay	A
Serum	Confirmatory testing for: HIV (inc P24) Ab/Ag HBsAg	VIDAS (Biomerieux) using enzyme linked fluorescent assay (ELFA): MIC.S081 VIDAS 3 analyser	A





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Urine	Detection of Legionella pneumophila serotype 1 antigen	BinaxNow (Alere) Antigen Card, a rapid assay for the qualitative detection of legionella pneumophila serogroup 1 antigen: MIC.S072 BinaxNOW Legionella urinary antigen test.	A
Genital and non-genital Aptima liquid swabs. Urine	Molecular detection of <i>C. trachomatis</i> , <i>N. gonorrhoea</i> and <i>T. vaginalis</i> RNA	Panther (Hologic) using nucleic acid amplification: MIC.S068 Hologic Panther/ Panther fusion analyser	A
	Detection / Identification of M. Genitalium RNA		A
Nose & Throat swabs in virus transport media	Detection / Identification of respiratory virus & bacteria - SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, Influenza B, Respiratory syncytial virus, Adenovirus, Human metapneumovirus, Rhinovirus, Parainfluenza 1, 2, 3 & 4	Panther Fusion using nucleic acid amplification: MIC.S068 Hologic Panther/ Panther fusion analyser	A
Sputum	Molecular detection of SARS-CoV-2, FluA, FluB and RSV RNA	Nucleic acid amplification using GeneXpert (Cepheid) MIC.S064 Cepheid GeneXpert assays	A
Faeces	Molecular detection of Clostridium difficile DNA	Nucleic acid amplification using GeneXpert (Cepheid). MIC.S064 Cepheid GeneXpert assays	A
Faeces	Molecular detection of Norovirus RNA	Nucleic acid amplification using GeneXpert (Cepheid) MIC.S064 Cepheid GeneXpert assays	A



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Nose swab in VTM, throat and nose swab in VTM, Sputum, Bronchoalveolar lavage	Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA (Covid-19). Specifically, E and N2 gene targets	Nucleic acid amplification using GeneXpert (Cepheid) and Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 cartridge MIC.S064 Cepheid GeneXpert assays	A
Sputum, Lavages, CSF, tissues, fluids, swabs	Molecular detection of MTB complex DNA and rifampin-resistance associated mutations of the rpoB gene	MIC.S064 Cepheid GeneXpert assays	A
Bacterial isolates from samples.	Detection of bacteria with carbapenem hydrolysing $\beta$ lactamases (carbapenemases)	Nucleic acid amplification using GeneXpert (Cepheid) and Xpert CARBA-R cartridge: MIC.S028 Organism Screening MIC.S064 Cepheid GeneXpert assays	A
Nose and Throat Swabs in Virus Transport Media	Detection/Identification of respiratory viruses and bacteria: Adenovirus, Coronavirus 229E, Coronavirus HKU1, Coronavirus OC43, SARS-CoV-2, Human Metapneumovirus, Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Influenza A, Influenza B, Parainfluenza Virus 1, Parainfluenza Virus 2, Parainfluenza Virus 3, Parainfluenza Virus 4, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, <i>Bordatella pertussis</i> , <i>Bordatella pertussis</i> , <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i> , <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	Nucleic acid amplification and detection using the BioFire FilmArray RT-PCR methodology and Respiratory 2.1 and 2.1+ Panels MIC.S032 BioFire FilmArray	A



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END			