

# **Contacting medical microbiology**

## Clinical advice for secondary care

Clinical calls to medical microbiology are received from doctors ≥ FY2 grade.

Weekdays, Monday-Friday, advice is available between <u>11am-4pm</u>. Calls out-with this time for <u>urgent</u> clinical calls only.

Clinical staff should consult the relevant infection and laboratory guidance before contacting microbiology unless instructed by a consultant.

There is also advice on how to contact microbiology on the antimicrobial companion.

## Monday-Friday (11am-4pm) (excluding public holidays)

Advice is available via tel: 0131 536 3373 (internal 63373) with option 4 for medical microbiology. These calls will be triaged with the aim to respond usually within 2 hours.

## >5pm weekdays (5pm -9am), weekends and public holidays

On-call medical microbiology via switch board

#### **Urgent clinical advice**

Monday – Fridays (9am-11am, and 4-5pm)

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