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Hospital Microfibre Bacteriological Monitoring Visit

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Dear Anna

Please find attached the microbiological results following the recent visit to *Kingsmill Hospital* on 8th April 2008. Samples were taken pre/post laundering to evaluate the effectiveness of OTEX disinfection process. Individual microfibre cloths/mops were randomly selected before and after processing with OTEX All samples were handled in an aseptic manner and analysed by an independent laboratory, which is UKAS, accredited, Microsearch Laboratories Ltd.

The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the disinfection of the OTEX process on microfibre cloths and mops. Whilst C.difficile was detected in the pre laundered items no clostridium species was detected in any of the processed cloths or mops.

At the time of the site visit the following observations were made:

• The storage of dirty mops and cloths on floor areas directly in front of the tumble dryers is not conducive to good hygiene standards and could lead to cross/recontamination.

I trust this meets with your requirements. Should you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Lara Wade (Account Manager) or Jackie Hook (Chemist) on Halifax (01422) 822282.

Microbiological Test Results Pre/Post OTEX Laundry Process (Cfu/g)										
Sample	Lab Ref No:	State	TVC	E.coli	Salmonella	S. Aureus	C.diff	MRSA	Yeasts	Moulds
Microfibre Mop	KM1	Before	9.1E+08	7.1E+04	Negative	5.2E+04	3.7E+01	4.7E+01	4.6E+07	7.1E+04
Microfibre Mop	KM2	Before	4.3E+09	5.9E+06	Negative	7.1E+03	<1	1.4E+02	1.2E+05	5.8E+05
Microfibre Mop	KM3	After	1.2E+03	<1	Negative	<1	<1	<1	2.0E+01	<1
Microfibre Mop	KM4	After	9.5E+02	<1	Negative	<1	<1	<1	3.0E+01	5.8E+01

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