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Detail of request:

1. How many instances has there been of Steno (*Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*) infections in King George Hospital over each of the last three years?
2. How many deaths have been attributed fully or in part to Steno (*Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*) infections in King George Hospital over each of the last three years?

Detail of response:

1. *Stenotrophomonas* is an environmental organism that only infrequently causes infections. It is not possible to say from lab data alone whether we have diagnosed patients with an infection with this organism, as it could be that the organism was colonising a site or was just picked up as an environmental contaminant. However, our data from blood cultures shows that since 2005, at King George Hospital, we have identified the organism in the following numbers of patients:

2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
4	2	1

However, we cannot say if they would have all been considered to be infectious. This organism could be a contaminant in this scenario.

2. Data is not stored on attributable deaths, however our Patient Administration System (PAS) has recorded three of these patients have subsequently died.