

Intended Result	Your Report	Your Score
Specimen 4481 Negative result (or commensals only)	Negative result (or commensals only)	2
Specimen 4482 Beta-haemolytic streptococcus group B	Beta-haemolytic streptococcus group B	2

**Comments**

A total of 121 sets of specimens were distributed for testing with 111 participants returning results within the specified period.

For cumulative score information please go to page 2 of this report.

**Turn around time:** The time taken to report your results was 2 days. This information is provided for your own use and does not form part of your performance assessment.

**Specimen 4481:**

This specimen contained no pathogens. Participant performance was excellent with 99.1% (108/109) of participants reporting the correct result.

**Specimen 4482:**

This specimen contained a beta-haemolytic streptococcus group B (*Streptococcus agalactiae*). Participant performance was very good with 95.4% (104/109) of participants reporting the correct result.

**Acknowledgments**

We thank colleagues at the PHE National Infection Service - Respiratory & Vaccine Preventable Bacteria Reference Unit (RVPBRU) for the supply of strains and confirmatory testing.

**Enquiries**

For repeat specimens please order using the web form or e-mail [organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk](mailto:organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk) stating your laboratory identification number, the distribution name and number, and specimen numbers.

Any technical enquiries related to this distribution, please contact Shila Seaton using the email address above. In-house test results are available should you experience a technical failure and wish to discuss the results.

Digital images of the results obtained in UK NEQAS with this distribution are available on our secure website; click on the DIST button to access intended results and images; usually available on the day following the closing date.

Report authorised by: Dr Sanjiv Rughooputh, Director



**Cumulative score information**

Total number of specimens sent to you for **UK NEQAS for Genital pathogens** over the last 3 distributions is 6  
Specimen numbers 4043 4044 4228 4229 4481 4482 have been analysed and scored.

Number of reports returned and scored 6  
Number of specimens reported as not examined (not scored) 0  
Number of specimens received too late for analysis (not scored) 0  
Number of specimens for which no report was received (not scored) 0  
Your cumulative score for these specimens was 12 out of a possible total of 12

The mean score calculated from the reports returned by **UK** laboratories was 11.78 with a standard error of 1.19.

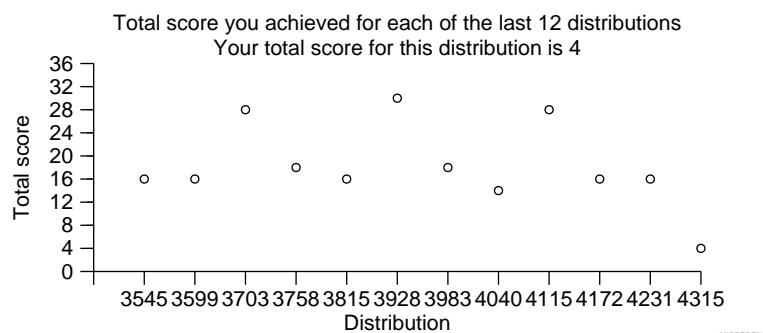
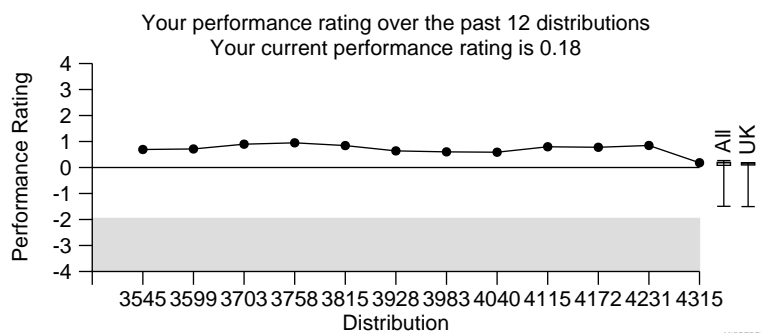
**Performance rating**

Your performance rating for **UK NEQAS for Genital pathogens** (i.e. the number of standard errors by which your cumulative score lies above or below the mean for **UK** laboratories) is 0.18.

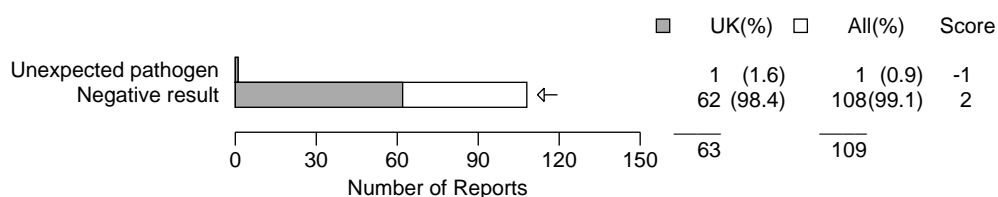
A performance rating of more than 1.96 standard errors below the mean indicates possible poor performance.

Performance ratings may change if other participants' results are amended.

No score penalty is incurred for non return of reports. However non return of results may be used as a measure of poor performance.

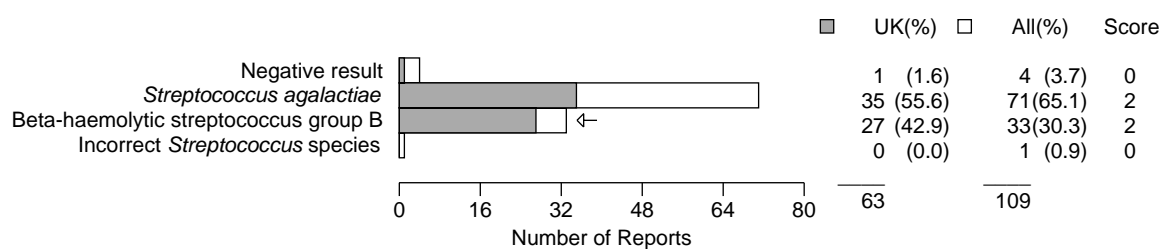


**Specimen : 4481** Endocervical swab. Sexual Health clinic screen. The presence of pathogens was queried. The specimen was negative for pathogens and contained the following commensals: *Lactobacillus* species and *Streptococcus mitis*.



**Unexpected pathogen:**  
*Streptococcus agalactiae* 1

**Specimen : 4482** Vulval swab. Bartholin's abscess. The presence of pathogens was queried. The specimen contained beta-haemolytic streptococcus group B and *Staphylococcus epidermidis*.



**Incorrect species:**  
*S. pyogenes* 1

