



MRSA Screening Scheme

- For the detection of the presence or absence of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
- Information on methods/kits will be collected and presented
- Six distributions per year each containing two specimens
- Specimens supplied as freeze-dried simulated specimens (which may include commensal organisms)
- There is a two week period for participants to report results
- The intended results are available on the results and reports section of the website www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk on the day after the close of the distribution
- Reports normally issued within two weeks
- Country specific performance will be available where there are more than 10 participants in a country
- Benefits to participants:
 - Method / kit based analysis
 - More frequent distributions of an important pathogen
 - Comprehensive reports
 - Performance analysis throughout the year
 - Helping participants to monitor conformance with their own quality standards
 - Optimised patient care through reliable patient results