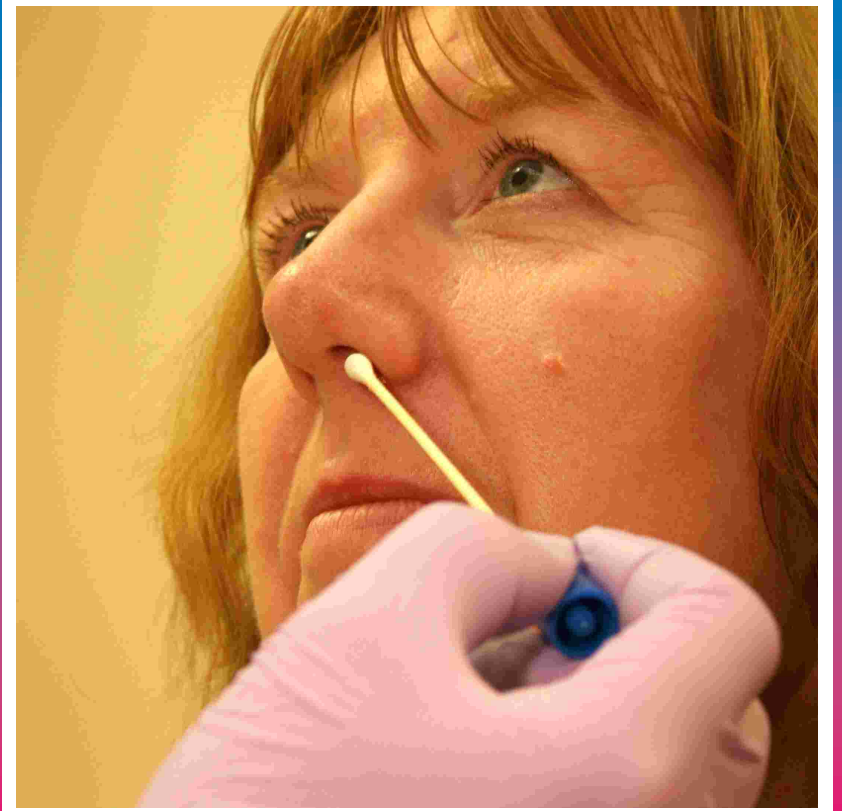


MRSA

Screening

What you need to know



Many patients have been tested (screened) for MRSA for a number of years now. Nationally, there is a move to extend screening to many more patients.

From now on, you may be screened for MRSA before or on admission to hospital for planned operations and procedures.

Screening for MRSA helps healthcare staff provide you with the appropriate treatment

to treat MRSA, if you have it, and reduce the risk of infection if you don't.

For all people, MRSA screening is a simple test that involves taking a swab from your nose and groin.

If you develop an infection with MRSA, it can be difficult but not impossible to treat. Not all patients with MRSA will need to be treated. This is because it can live harmlessly on the skin.

If you need more information about MRSA and MRSA screening, your GP, hospital doctors and nurses will be able to help