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Penicillins								
Amoxicillin	1		1	2	16		17	Test for β-lactamase.
Ampicillin	1		1	2	17		18	
Co-amoxiclav	1		1	2/1	16		17	
Cephalosporins								
Cefaclor	0.5	-	0.5	30	14	-	15	See Appendix 2.
Cefotaxime	0.12		0.12	5	24		25	
Ceftazidime	2		2	30	29		30	
Ceftriaxone	0.12		0.12	30	24		25	
Cefuroxime	2		1	5	16		17	
Carbapenems								
Ertapenem	0.5		0.5	10	32		33	
Imipenem	2		2	10	22		23	
Meropenem	2		2	10	22		23	
Quinolones								
Ciprofloxacin	0.5		0.5	1	27		28	Quinolone resistance is most reliably detected in tests with nalidixic acid. Strains with reduced susceptibility to fluoroquinolones give no zone of inhibition with a 30µg nalidixic acid disc.
Gatifloxacin	1		1	2	19		20	
Gemifloxacin	0.25		0.25	1	19		20	
Levofloxacin	1		1	1	19		20	
Moxifloxacin	0.5		0.5	1	17		18	
Nalidixic acid	-		-	30	-		-	
Ofloxacin	0.5		0.5	5	26		37	
Miscellaneous antibiotics								
Azithromycin	4	0.25-4	0.12	15	19	20-34	35	The MIC breakpoint has changed but a review of the data indicates that no adjustment of the zone diameter breakpoints is necessary. No resistant strains yet described.

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Chloramphenicol	2	-	2	10	24		25	The zone diameter breakpoint relates to an MIC of 1 mg/l as no data for the intermediate category are currently available.
Clarithromycin	32	2-32	1	5	8	9-23	24	The MIC breakpoint has changed but a review of the data indicates that no adjustment of the zone diameter breakpoints is necessary.
Erythromycin	16	1-16	0.5	5	14	15-27	28	
Telithromycin	8	0.25-8	0.12	15	15	16-30	31	The mode telithromycin MIC for these organisms is 1 mg/L; therefore the majority of isolates will be interpreted as having intermediate susceptibility.
Co-trimoxazole	1	1	0.5	25	17	18-20	21	For advice on testing susceptibility to co-trimoxazole see Appendix 1. The MIC breakpoint is based on the trimethoprim concentration in a 1:19 combination with sulphamethoxazole.
Trimethoprim	0.5		0.5	2.5	20		21	No EUCAST MIC breakpoint as there is insufficient clinical evidence. BSAC data used.
Tetracycline	2	2	1	10	17	18-22	22	