

**Q. Will I be re-screened to see if the infection has cleared?**

**A.** The likelihood of the infection still being present following treatment is very small. However, you will be re-screened after the completion of treatment to ensure that the infection has cleared.

**Q. What happens if I am admitted to hospital again?**

**A.** Please tell your nurse that you were MRSA positive in the community and what treatment you had. You will be re-screened on admission and given any appropriate treatment if required.



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**Asking for more help...**

If you are unsure of any of the information contained in this leaflet, or if you have any unanswered questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Infection Prevention and Control Team on the contact numbers given below

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# MRSA Screening

Advice for patients and their families

Wolverhampton City   
Primary Care Trust

**MRSA** stands for **M**ethicillin **R**esistant **S**taphylococcus **A**ureus

It is part of the *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria family

It is a myth to think that **MRSA** is just a 'hospital superbug'. It can be caught and passed on **almost anywhere**. 20-40% of the population carry *Staphylococcus aureus* in their nose without even knowing and it doesn't cause any ill effects unless you are poorly

**MRSA** usually affects elderly people and those with certain long term health problems and generally does not harm healthy people, including pregnant women, children and babies

It is important to remember that **MRSA** is found not just in hospitals or care homes - people living in the community can also carry the germ

## Commonly Asked Questions

### **Q. Why have I been screened?**

**A.** You have been screened within the hospital setting as part of a screening programme to reduce cases of MRSA in the community

### **Q. What happens next?**

**A.** If it is found that you are MRSA positive following the screening process, you will be contacted and advised of the treatment required

### **Q. How will this affect me and my family?**

**A.** MRSA can be passed from person to person by contact between them. Someone carrying the germ on their hands or skin can pass it onto another person if good basic hygiene is not followed. The easiest way to prevent cross infection is to follow good personal hygiene rules, in particular a good hand washing technique

### **Q. What treatment will I require?**

**A.** If you are colonized (just carrying MRSA without it causing infection), you will probably be prescribed a special body wash, shampoo and a cream for your nose, which is a way of removing the MRSA from where it lives. If you have signs of infection, the doctor and microbiologist will discuss the best medication to give you (i.e. antibiotics)

### **Q. If I can't take the treatment, will someone be able to do it for me?**

**A.** You or a family member will be taught how to apply the treatment. If however, you have a disability or you cannot apply the treatment for any other reason, a health care worker may be able to assist you with this either at a clinic setting or in your own home

