

Liquid Media / Swabs to be used for South of Tyne Microbiology Tests



Pink Capped Tops
(with additional swabs for multiple sites) mainly used for [MRSA screening swabs](#) Red swabs must be discarded after application in liquid. 2 or 3 swab variants available depending upon the requirement



Orange Capped Tops for General Microbiology Bacterial/Fungal Culture. **Mini tip swab** for Urethral or ENT use only



Pink Capped Tops (most commonly used) for [General Microbiology Bacterial/Fungal Culture](#). Single swab for individual sites



Green Capped Tops for [Viral Investigations ONLY](#) (incl COVID19 and Flu). These cannot be used for bacterial culture



Yellow Capped Tops - cobas media for [Chlamydia](#), [Gonorrhoea](#), [Trichomonas](#) or [Mycoplasma](#) PCR ONLY



Existing **Blue topped Gel swabs** are to be phased out across the South of Tyne and Wear Hospital and Primary Care sites from February 2025