Checklist BEFORE calling microbiology (ext 63373):

- If your patient has **SEPSIS** manage patient according to SEPSIS 6 immediately
- **Patient**: Identifiers, history, clinical examination, current NEWS score, presence of indwelling devices
- **Clinical notes**: Previous documented discussions with Infection Service
- **Drug chart**: Antibiotic dose, route, duration
- **Drug allergies**: Drug and type of reaction
- **Results** including culture results

It is helpful to have drug chart, NEWS chart and clinical notes available during the call.

**ALERT** antimicrobials do not need out of hours approval

Vancomycin and gentamicin guidance is available on the intranet

**IVOST and antibiotic duration should be discussed Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00, Sat – Sun 09:00 – 16:00**

Checklist AFTER contacting microbiology:

- Ensure clear documentation of advice given in clinical notes, including the name of the person discussed with
- Communicate relevant information to colleagues if applicable
- Prescription of antimicrobials should always include dates for review, IVOST and duration

For virology advice:
Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00
virologyadvice@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
(2-3 hour response)
Urgent advice: Call 63373 or bleep via switchboard
Out of hours via switchboard

Hours of service Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00
Reduced Service Sat - Sun 09:00 - 16:00
outwith these hours calls in emergency and urgent cases only