Dept	Description of Changes from Ver. 3.17 to 3.18 GUH LAB USER GUIDE	Page No. Ver. 3.17	Page No. Ver. 3.18
2 GENERAL	Section 2.4 Population served: Added reference to The Laboratory Services Reform Programme ADVICE NOTE Access to Laboratory Services provided by HSE and HSE affiliated agencies	10	10
3 USE	Section 3.2 Request Form & Sample acceptance Criteria: added As per Advice Note Access to Laboratory Services provided by HSE and HSE-affiliated Agencies- requesters should provide their relevant registration number (Medical	13	13
	Section 3.2 Specimen Request Form Hospital users - noted address not required, if smaller label used, when PID provided.	14	14
5 SPECIMEN TRANSPORT	Revised throughout- clarifying headings containing duplicate information. Under 'Guidelines for Sample Centrifugation' heading, removed '*Please refer to the A-Z Test Directory which clearly specifies for each test, the acceptable pre-*	22-27	22-26
6 REPORTING RESULTS	Section 6.5: expanded details for INAB - as per INAB T&C and INAB R1	28	29
11 IMMUNOLOGY	section 11.1 updated sample retention to 10 days (was 2 weeks)	55	56
	Section 11.1 added details for re-testing	55	56
	Section 11.1: Added details of how unsuitable specimens / requests are communicated	55	56

	Section 11.12: Expanded details for intrepretations, based on revised IFU	64-65	65-66
TEST DIRECTORY	Referred tests, where lab may change- removed specific lab & replaced with : - referred to external laboratory for analysis - see report	N/A	N/A
	Anti-Voltage Gated Potassium Channel (VGKC) Antibodies - changed to refer to anti- CASPr2 antibody and to anti-LGi1 antibody	94	95
	Complement: C5 only (removed 6/7/8/9)	108	109
	Immunoglobulins IgG / IgA / IgM and Serum Protein Electrophoresis: Ref Range - added Immunotyping	130	131
	IgE (Total) TAT = 5 working days (was 7)	130	131
	Added Pneumococcal Serotypes (Serotype Specific Pneumococcal)	N/A	149
