

Working together to reduce blood culture contamination rates and MRSA bacteraemia

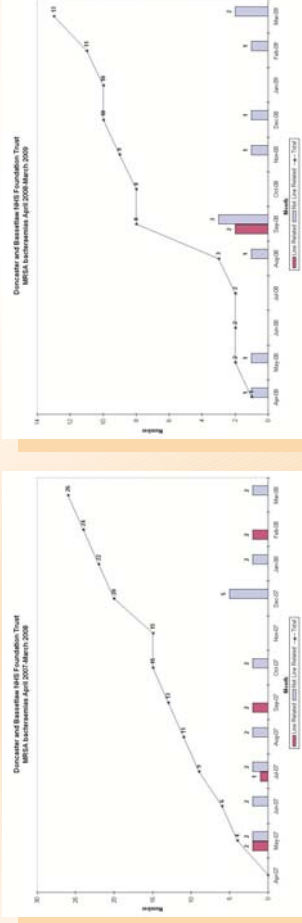
During 2007/08, our incidence of blood stream infections had not declined in line with the reduced trajectory of 60% by April 2008.

We developed workshops

Turning challenges into opportunities



We held road shows to all clinical areas



Our challenge in 2008/09 was to reduce:

- 1 our blood culture contamination rates of 23%
- 2 our MRSA bacteraemia cases of 26 (2007/08)
- 3 our cases of line related MRSA bacteraemia (7 of the 26)

Key achievements:

- 1 reduced blood culture contamination rates to 10% in 2008/09
- 2 reduced MRSA bacteraemia cases from 26 to 13 in 2008/09
- 3 reduction of line related MRSA bacteraemia to 2 in 2008/09
- 4 established education programme for junior medical staff, when starting position in Trust.

Workshops are now available to all staff who take samples for culture.



We produced guidelines

