

# Point of Care Testing (POCT)

## Purchasing and Evaluation Procedure



Purchase and evaluation must follow the procedure outlined below:

- a. The appropriateness of purchasing such equipment along with the benefits and disadvantages should be considered prior to purchase. The benefits to patients both clinical and local access must be clearly stated.
- b. The POCT Committee will be informed and involved in the evaluation so that they can offer advice and guidance. Results should be consistent with laboratory equipment.
- c. The full life long costs of purchasing POCT equipment including cost of consumables and associated reagents, training needs and maintenance contracts etc. will be considered when evaluating the need for POCT devices or processes.
- d. Purchasing of POCT devices will be in accordance with NHS LOTHIAN Standing Financial Instructions, where relevant, with the knowledge of Procurement, and the POCT Committee.
- e. The service will engage (where appropriate) to order, supply consumables and standardise products used, in consultation with the Procurement Department for optimum supply strategy.