



- **Please use the ARL request form for anaerobes referred for identification. (Not *C.difficile* for PCR ribotyping)**
  
- Please note that in order to comply with Quality Management requirements and the introduction of computerised reporting we are no longer able to process specimens that fail to include the following documentation:
  - Contact name and full address for report
  - Patients full name, date of birth & NHS number
  - Your specimen reference no.
  - Source (site) of specimen.
  
- Additional information, **particularly Gram's stain morphology, your presumptive identification and/or relevant tests performed may help us to ensure that we are working on the intended organism and must be included.**
  
- Finally, please ensure that outer packaging is addressed to the 'Anaerobe Ref. Lab' specifically to avoid delay in delivery.