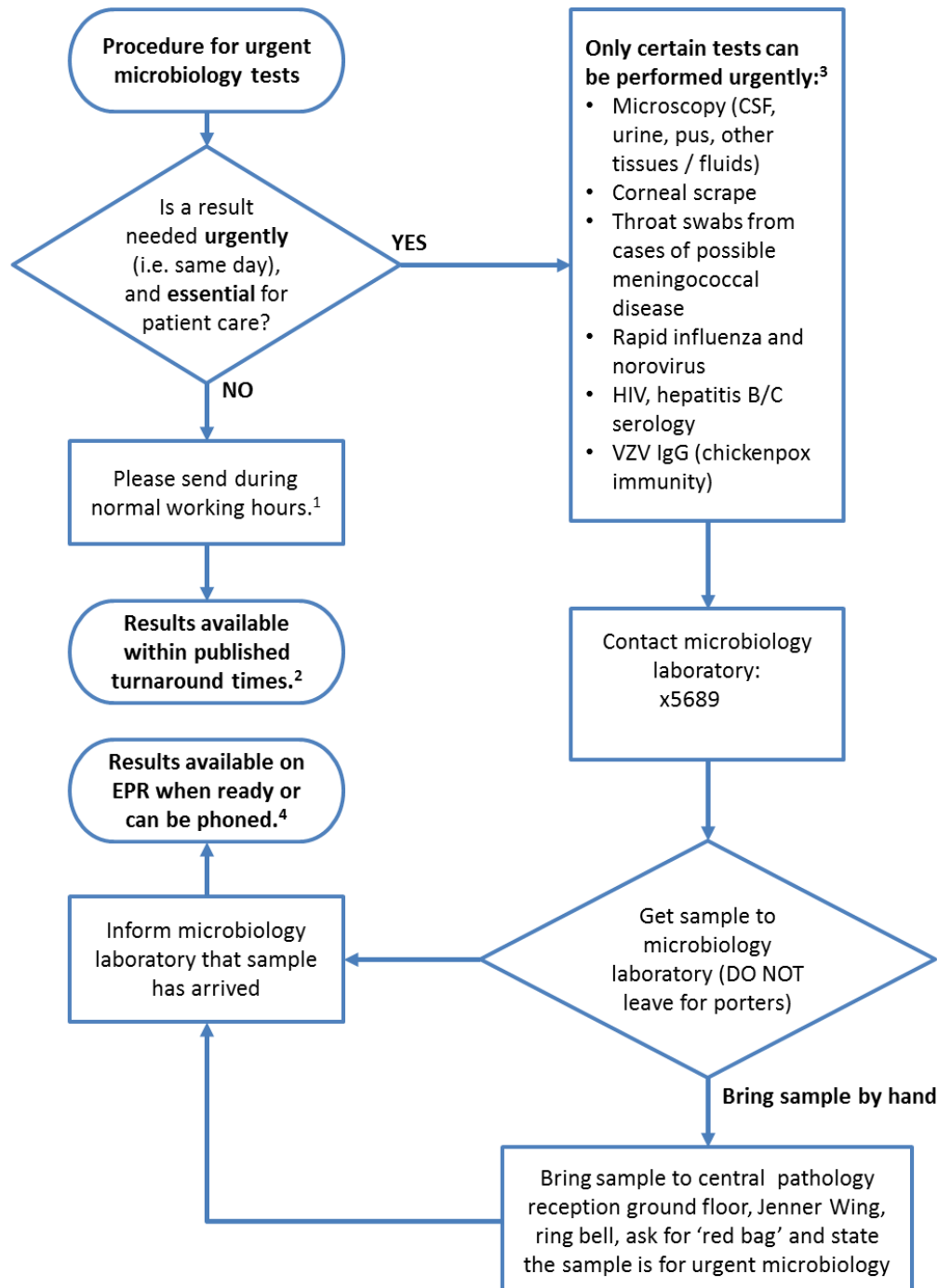


Flow chart for ordering urgent or out-of-hours microbiology tests



1. Exception is blood cultures, which should be sent when clinically indicated. Normal laboratory working hours are 08:00 to 20:30 Monday to Sunday.
2. Please see website www.swlpath.nhs.uk.
3. For all other tests, please discuss with duty microbiologist on x 5685 09:00 to 17:30 Monday to Friday or via switchboard out of hours.
4. Telephoned results must be pre-arranged with the duty biomedical scientist by calling 07825 923183.