The unit is integrated closely with the OUGH departments of adult and paediatric infectious diseases and microbiology. It offers additional opportunities to attend weekly educational seminars with invited speakers; combined case conferences; medical and surgical grand rounds; ward round infectious diseases ward: microbiology rounds (including intensive care, transplant, and general clinical consults); and HIV, Infectious diseases, Rheumatology and Hepatitis clinics.

Meetings & Education: There are regular ward-based medical student and observer attachments. The unit presents the Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC) each year for microbiologists / ID physicians, orthopaedic and plastic surgeons, and allied health staff. See www.hartleytaylor.co.uk for more details.

Research agenda: There is an active clinical research group. The BIU led a multi-centre randomised controlled trial of oral versus intravenous antibiotics (OIVIA). We have described outcomes after debridement and retention or 2-stage revision, the outcomes after stopping long-term antibiotics in some patients undergoing stage revision, the outcomes after stopping long-term antibiotics in some patients undergoing stage revision, the outcomes after stopping long-term antibiotics in some patients undergoing stage revision.

Multiple intra-operative sampling using separate instruments

Guidelines: The unit is involved with national and international guidelines on the diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections (including advice on microbiological methods https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/standards-for-microbiology-investigations-smi)