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The UK Health Security agency has advised that everyone should remove the following sterile wipes from first aid kits as they have been contaminated with a dangerous bacteria:

- ValueAid Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes
- Microsafe Moist Wipe Alcohol Free
- Steroplast Sterowipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes
- Reliwipe Alcohol Free Cleansing Wipes (testing revealed contamination with a Burkholderia strain not related to the outbreak cases)

If you have any of these products, stop using them immediately and dispose of them in standard household waste. It is important to only use wipes marked as 'sterile' on broken skin such as wounds, scratches, or where you can see blood - this reduces the chances of germs getting into the body and causing infections.

They have been removed from the Surgery but are very likely to be in the first aid kits of businesses, shops, government buildings, the school etc so would ask everyone to check.

You can find more information on which wipes and what they look like by visiting –

[What is Burkholderia stabilis, and why should I check my first aid kit? – UK Health Security Agency](#)