



18 November 2021



Dear Service User

## SDGS: CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2021

The Genetics laboratory arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period are as follows:

- **Prenatal samples** should be sent only where absolutely necessary, and with as much notice as possible, from **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> December until Tue 4<sup>th</sup> January**. Samples can be accepted for testing on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> December up to a 12.00pm cut off; however any CVS samples specifically requiring a rapid CVS direct (for known familial rearrangements) will only be able to be processed for rapid QF-PCR.
- **Fanconi referrals:** The **last date for routine acceptance will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Samples should be sent only where absolutely necessary, and with as much notice as possible, **from Mon 20<sup>th</sup> December until Tue 4<sup>th</sup> January**.
- Samples for **Lineage Specific Chimerism, Myeloma plasma cell enrichment and peripheral blood for circulating tumour DNA extraction** should **NOT** be sent on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> December as the separation processes cannot be undertaken within the appropriate time frame.
- **Cut off for all sample types to be received by the laboratory on 24<sup>th</sup> December is 12.00pm**

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| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> December | Normal Service    |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> December | Laboratory Closed |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> December | Laboratory Closed |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> December | Laboratory Closed |
| Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> December | Laboratory Closed |
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> December | Normal Service    |
| Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> December | Normal Service    |

- Samples for **Lineage Specific Chimerism, Myeloma plasma cell enrichment and peripheral blood for circulating tumour DNA extraction** should **NOT** be sent on Fri 31<sup>st</sup> December as the separation processes cannot be undertaken within the appropriate time frame.
- **Cut off for all sample types to be received by the laboratory on 31<sup>st</sup> December is 12:00pm.**

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| Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> December | Normal Service    |
| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> January   | Laboratory Closed |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> January   | Laboratory Closed |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> January   | Laboratory Closed |
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> January   | Normal Service    |

Please contact the laboratory in advance if you need to discuss special arrangements.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours Sincerely,



Richard Kirk  
Acting Head of Department