



**North East and Yorkshire**

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Dear Colleagues

### **Re: Update on changes to Sheffield Diagnostic Genetics Service**

We are writing to update you on changes to the delivery of laboratory genomics services within the North East and Yorkshire Genomics Laboratory Hub (NEY GLH).

Sheffield Children's has been a partner in the North East and Yorkshire Genomics Laboratory Hub (NEY GLH) since 2018 as a result of changes led by NHS England (NHSE). This means the services provided within Sheffield Diagnostic Genetic Services (SDGS) became part of the NEY GLH, alongside our partners in Newcastle, Leeds and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

Alongside our partners in the NEY GLH, we made the decision to deliver wet laboratory activity from only two of our service sites; these will be the Newcastle Genetics Laboratory and the NEY GLH Central laboratory based at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust. This meant that the genetic wet laboratory based at Sheffield Children's Hospital would close.

***We can now inform you that all wet laboratory activity has transferred to our partners.***

***Samples should continue to be sent to Sheffield for appropriate forwarding.***

***Analysis and reporting of results (dry lab work), as well as clinical advice, will continue in Sheffield. All contact details for the Scientific teams remain the same – see next page.***

Please contact the department if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Kirk'.

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