

## MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE

Dear User

### **Re: Fluorescence In Situ Hybridisation service relocation**

We would like to inform you that the Fluorescence *in situ* hybridisation (FISH) service at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust will be moving to a single site from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. This will build a strong and resilient service moving forwards.

The FISH service currently based at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital will be transferring across to Molecular Pathology Diagnostic Service (MPDS) at the Queen Elizabeth (QE) site. Whilst we hope that this will not cause disruption in service we would be grateful if you could notify of us of any clinically urgent cases during this time to try and minimise impact on turnaround times.

Please continue to send cases for Her2 immunohistochemistry (IHC) or IHC alone to Birmingham Heartlands as per your current practice as IHC will continue to be delivered within the Birmingham Heartlands laboratory site.

The move of HER2 FISH testing is already complete. Whilst this transition took place some HER2 FISH testing was outsourced to Health Service Laboratories (HSL) to minimise any impact on turnaround time. Any cases reported at HSL are indicated on the report.

All HER2 FISH will now be performed and reported by MPDS at QE site. You will continue to receive an integrated Her2 report covering Her2 IHC and Her2FISH requesting. We have informed UKAS of these site changes to FISH testing and it will require an 'extension to scope' to transfer the current UKAS schedule of accreditation and this will then reflect the transfer of FISH testing from Heartlands to MPDS at QE. We are happy to provide further detail on this and our published accredited tests should you require it.

FISH testing for lymphoma will be delivered at MPDS from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Please send all FISH requests using the request form which can be found on MPDS website

[Click here to view our request forms](#)

**PLEASE SEND VIA RECORDED DELIVERY**

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We hope that any disruption whilst the finalisation of the move will be minimal and apologise in advance for any possible delays. Thank you for your understanding during this time.