

Re: The redirection of genetics test requests from St George's University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

I am writing to inform you that over the next 6 weeks St George's Genetics Laboratory will stop accepting new genetics test referrals in line with the mobilisation of the London South Genomics Laboratory Hub Network.

From 11th November, all new test requests and samples should be sent direct to:

- The Clinical Genetics and Genomics Laboratory Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital for all specialist cardiology and respiratory tests
- The Viapath Genetics laboratory at Guy's Hospital for all other referrals

The transition of services from St George's will be complete by 1st December 2019.

As you are aware, NHS England are currently reconfiguring the way genomic and genetic laboratory services are commissioned and delivered. The London South Genomics Laboratory Hub (LSGLH), a network of leading foundation trusts and pathology providers, is 1 of 7 national GLHs and has been commissioned to deliver the core genomics laboratory service across South London, Kent, Surrey and Sussex as well as specialist genetics testing on behalf of the national NHSE Genomics Medicine Service.

A key part of this plan is to consolidate testing from St George's into the Viapath Laboratory at Guy's Hospital and to our specialist cardiology and respiratory genomics laboratory at the Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital. The LSGLH new operating model involves centralising sample preparation and analytical processes, but our network of laboratories will work together for the interpretation and reporting of results. St George's will therefore continue to provide reporting of some results aligned to clinical and scientific expertise.

Please note that specialist tests will continue to be funded via provider to provider billing for NHSE patients until the full commissioning model is implemented next year.

Sample referral process:

Please use the appropriate referral form (Viapath or Royal Brompton) when requesting tests. Please send samples either to:

Viapath	The Royal Brompton & Harefield
Genetics Laboratories, 5 th Floor, Tower Wing Guy's Hospital Great Maze Pond London SE1 9RT	Clinical Genetics & Genomics Laboratory, Level 2 Sydney Wing Royal Brompton Hospital, Sydney Street London SW3 6NP

Contact Details

If you need to discuss a test result, please contact the appropriate laboratory using the contact details below for results enquiries. Annex 1 provides a list of which laboratory to contact by test.

Test Request Enquiries	Viapath: Tel: 0207 188 1696/1709 Email: gst-tr.viapathgeneticsadmin@nhs.net Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm Head of Laboratory: Richard Hall
Result Enquiries	Viapath: Tel: 0207 188 1696/1709 Email: gst-tr.viapathgeneticsadmin@nhs.net Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm Head of Laboratory: Richard Hall St George's Tel: 0208 725 5332 Email: swtrgl@stgeorges.nhs.uk Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm Head of Laboratory: John Short The Royal Brompton & Harefield Tel: 020 7352 8121 / ext. 83009 Email: rbh-tr.genomics@nhs.net Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm Head of Laboratory: Deborah Morris-Rosendahl

Turnaround Times:

The transition of services from St George's to Viapath will be complete by 1st December, prior to this we will be completing a phased transfer. You may experience an increase in the time it takes for you to receive some results around this transition period. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause; please be assured that we will be working to minimise any impact on patients and we will continue to prioritise urgent samples.

We look forward to working with you and if you have any queries about these changes please email gst-tr.londonsouthGLH@nhs.net

Yours sincerely



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Annex 1: Test Directory

GLH Test category	Contact lab for result enquiries
Acromicric dysplasia	Royal Brompton
Aortopathy	Royal Brompton
LEOPARD Syndrome	Royal Brompton
Loeys-Dietz syndrome	Royal Brompton
Lymphoedema	Royal Brompton
Marfan syndrome	Royal Brompton
Milroy Disease	Royal Brompton
Noonan syndrome	Royal Brompton
Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms and Dissections (TAAD)	Royal Brompton
All other cardiac and respiratory specialist test requests	Royal Brompton
Overgrowth	Viapath
All other core and specialist test requests	Please contact the Viapath lab