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Dear colleague,

As of 1st June you will be able to request non-urgent additional biochemistry tests for any samples stored at the RIE using a designated email service instead of phoning the laboratory. This e-mail service will initially be provided on a trial basis and the ongoing provision of this will be reviewed after 6 months.

Biochemistry samples stored at the RIE can be identified by their lab number and will all start HB. Please note biochemistry samples are routinely stored for up to 5 days and it is unlikely that they will be available after this time. Not all tests are stable for up to 5 days and sometimes we may not be able to process an add on request for this reason. Haematology samples are usually only stored at RIE for 24 hours and it is therefore rarely possible to add on requests to haematology samples.

To arrange a non-urgent add-on please email addonbloodtests.RIE@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk with the following information;

PATIENT NAME
CHI NUMBER
DATE OF SAMPLE
SAMPLE NUMBER (e.g. HB123456X)
ADDITIONAL TESTS REQUIRED

NB: If you search for this address using the global address book you will need to start your search 'RIE,'

If we have any difficulties processing your request (e.g. sample is too old or currently stored at another lab) we will inform you via e-mail.

This inbox will be checked twice a day Monday to Friday at 9am and 4pm. For any more urgent RIE add on requests please continue to telephone 0131 242 6091. For add-ons to WGH samples (sample numbers begin QB) please call 0131 537 1910/1. For SJH samples (sample numbers begin SB) please call 01506 523 160/1. Please note these phone numbers are staffed from Monday to Friday 9-5pm.

Regards,

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