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# **DONOR CHARACTERISATION SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION**

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# Timeline

- 2016 – Donor Characterisation Review was undertaken
  - May 2017 – Donor Characterisation Review Report published
  - 2017-2019 – Interim Project Board carried out work to explore how the recommendations could be implemented
  - April 2019 – confirmation from NHSE that commissioning accountability would transfer to NHSBT
  - April 2022 – NHSBT commission donor characterisation laboratories
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# Project Governance

## DONOR CHARACTERISATION SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

CHAIR: Richard Baker

WORKING GROUP ONE  
PATHWAYS  
AND  
PROCESSES

Chair: Olive McGowan

WORKING GROUP TWO  
FINANCE  
AND  
COMMISSIONING

Chair: Susan Fuggle

WORKING GROUP THREE  
ELECTRONIC RESULTS  
TRANSFER

Chair: John Richardson

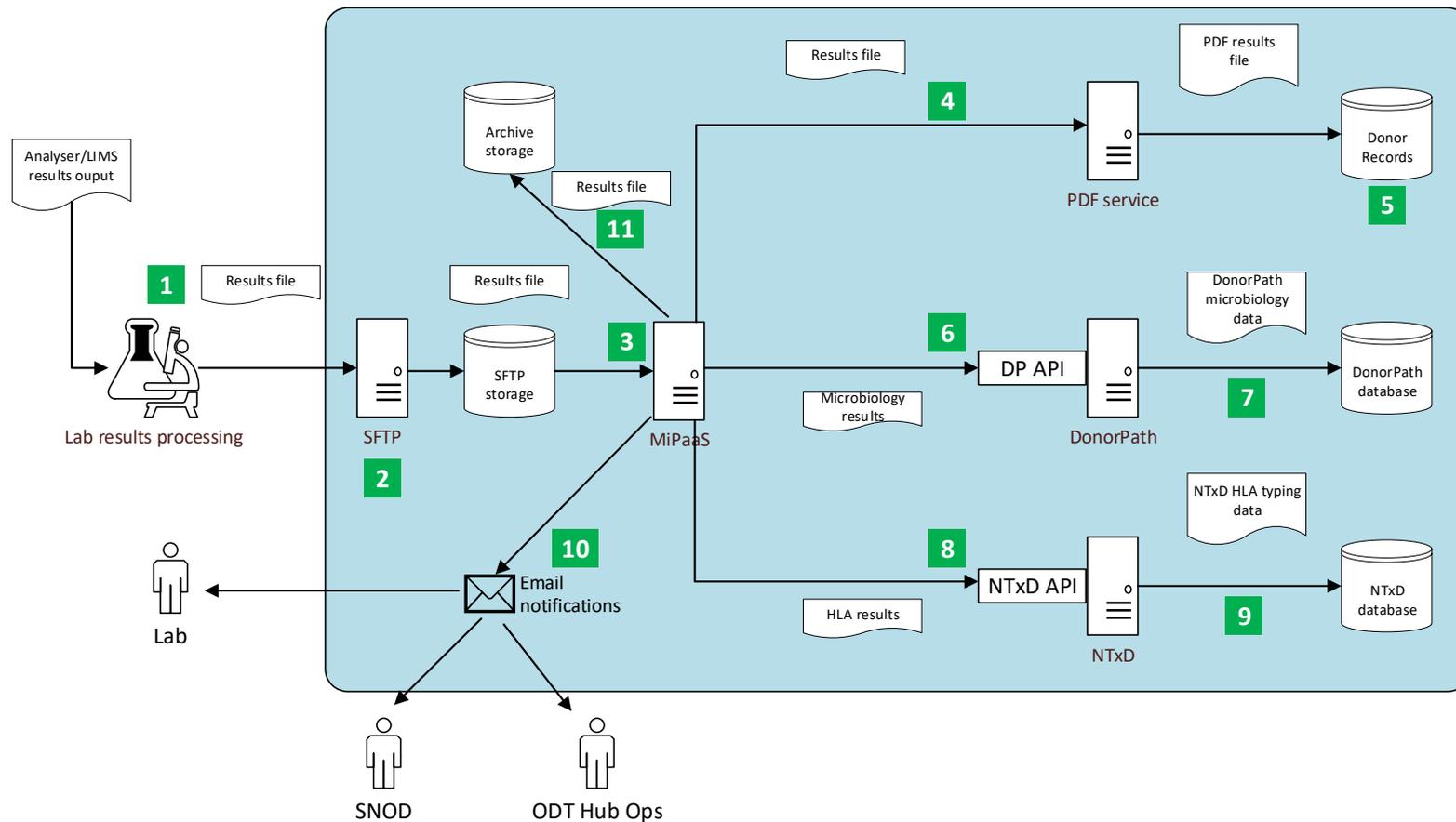
RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONS
<p data-bbox="170 391 882 629"><b>A service specification for laboratories delivering donor characterisation services will be developed and agreed with key stakeholders.</b></p> <p data-bbox="170 696 882 886"><b>The service specification should be evidence based, consistent with current guidance and legislation and be reviewed annually.</b></p>	<ul data-bbox="904 391 1705 858" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="904 391 1705 525">• Interim Project Board worked with stakeholders to develop and agree a specification</li><li data-bbox="904 534 1705 625">• Current project board has reviewed and sought feedback from laboratories</li><li data-bbox="904 634 1705 768">• Document updated with latest guidelines and legislation, taken on board feedback from laboratories</li><li data-bbox="904 776 1705 858">• A working copy of the specification has been issued to all laboratories</li></ul>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>NHSBT and the Commissioners of the 4 UK Health Departments work together to establish a commissioning pathway for Microbiology screening and HLA typing to ensure a safe and sustainable laboratory configuration able to meet future demand for deceased donor characterisation.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working Group established with representation from all four commissioning bodies</li><li>• Costing methodology has been agreed and will be finalised with updated costs when the service has been defined</li><li>• Process for reimbursement to be defined</li><li>• Information will feed into a new contract</li></ul>

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONS
<p>NHSBT, Commissioners and laboratories should work collaboratively to decide the best option to provide confirmatory donor characterisation testing, where there is a requirement, within a clinically relevant timeframe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repeat/duplicate testing will require a business case for additional funding</li><li>• Views have been sought from the Chairs of the Advisory Groups on duplicate HLA testing, feedback to CARE</li></ul>

RECOMMENDATION	ACTIONS
<p>Donor testing results should be electronically communicated throughout the testing and reporting process, eliminating the need for manual transcription.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A project board has been established</li><li>• High level process has been designed</li><li>• All components built by end 2020</li><li>• Pilot/roll out from 2021</li></ul>

# Electronic Results Transfer: Solution outline



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