

Routine Bloods Working Group Report Summary

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Routine Bloods Working Group

- Headline summary & key recommendations
- What the group heard (patients, staff, experts, guidance)
- What the group recommends

What the working group heard?

Needs to be a long term solution to link the prescriber and pathology requestor

What the working group recommend?

CTAG write to NHSE + other commissioners to state the long term clinical need for a national pathology requesting and reporting system

What the working group heard?

Some centres were asking patients to send blood samples in non compliant packaging

What the working group recommend?

All centres must supply packaging compliant with UN3373

What the working group heard?

Some transplant centres expect patients to pay for postage of samples

What the working group recommend?

All centres must provide pre paid postage and packaging

What the working group heard?

Some patients are travelling extreme distances to their transplant centre for blood tests

What the working group recommend?

Centres must organise blood tests local to the patient

What the working group heard?

Lack of clarity, support and guidance around devolved pathology requesting

What the working group recommend?

CTAG develop a national shared monitoring agreement. Pre agreed with local clinician before shared monitoring commences.

What the working group heard?

Processes for ensuring patients are having blood tests in line with clinical need are not robust

What the working group recommend?

Robust, regularly audited processes, must be implemented by all services

What the working group heard?

Patients like the self administered capillary immunosuppressant blood tests

What the working group recommend?

All centres should explore development of this service

What the working group heard?

Centres (and patients) are wasting hours chasing local blood test results

What the working group recommend?

Several tools exist which would significantly save time for transplant services

What the working group heard?

Patients would like positive results reporting

What the working group recommend?

Positive reporting processes are implemented
(could be technology enabled)

Summary

- Working Group witnessed inefficient processes and systems which lacked rigour
- Many patients described poor experiences
- CTAG requested to approve report and recommendations
- Oversee and audit implementation