

## Important information for action:

### Christmas & New Year Holiday arrangements for fetal *RHD* screening samples

Dear colleagues

In a bid to ensure that fetal *RHD* screening samples arrive in time over the Christmas & New Year Bank Holidays, we would like to make you aware of our transport and working times.

NHSBT overnight transport times between centres **will vary depending upon blood supply activity** over this period. This is especially important for Trusts where it may take 2 or 3 days for NHSBT Transport to deliver samples.

Please note that:

- NHSBT Filton 'Goods in' is manned 24/7 and therefore able to receive samples 24/7 but
- Molecular Diagnostics opening times will be limited to those stated in the attachment.

Therefore, whilst samples will continue to be received at NHSBT Filton on non-working days, they will **not be received and processed by Molecular Diagnostics until their next working day.**

With this in mind, any samples received by Molecular Diagnostics that are >7 days old will be rejected, **even if they were in date when they were received at NHSBT Filton.**

To prevent samples from being rejected during this period, please consider sending these samples by 1<sup>st</sup> class post or courier ensuring next day delivery.

Kind regards  
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