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Dear Service user

**RE: Changes to testing platforms at Oxford Immunology for Neuroimmunology assays**

I am writing to inform you of some alterations happening to our Neuroimmunology testing repertoire in the very near future.

Due to changes in the arrangements for Live Cell immunofluorescence testing at Oxford provided by our collaborators at Oxford University, from the **18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, we will be transferring testing of some analytes that we offer to the Euroimmun Fixed Cell platform.

The analytes in question are:

- LGI1 and CASPR2 antibodies
- AMPA 1/2 receptor, GABA-B receptor and GABA-A receptor antibodies
- DPPX antibodies
- IgLON5 antibodies

In the short term, our prices and turnaround times will not change for any of these tests. In the near future we will be reviewing both, hopefully with a view to reducing them as we have done previously with Fixed NMDA receptor antibody testing.

For AMPA1/2 receptor antibodies, Live Cell testing of these analytes will be available only by specific request (Please state '**LIVE AMPA1/2 receptor antibodies**' on request cards). Default testing will be by the Fixed Cell platform.

In the specific case of GABA-A, DPPX and IgLON5, we will be changing our reporting structure so that these analytes will be reported through the Oxford University Hospitals laboratory reporting system instead of results needing to be obtained from our collaborators at Oxford University. All of the above assays will be verified and submitted to UKAS for an extraordinary extension to our scope.

I want to take this opportunity to apologise for the short notice of this change to our service, we realise that this is less than optimal and will be working with our collaborators at Oxford University to ensure that this does not happen again in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this service change or any other aspect of our service, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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