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Dear Colleague,

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IA2 and ZNT8 antibodies (samples referred via Edinburgh for testing)

As you are aware we routinely refer our IA2 and ZNT8 antibodies to Edinburgh for testing. This week the Edinburgh laboratory informed us that they are having analyser issues and have been unable to process any IA2 and ZNT8 antibody requests since April 2025. They confirmed that have been extensively investigating the issue but as there is still no resolution they have now got in touch with service users.

We apologise for this significant delay to turnaround time and we are currently looking at options to send our IA2 and ZNT8 antibodies to an alternative laboratory with immediate effect.

Please note that we perform the GAD antibodies locally (within our Glasgow lab) so the turnaround time of these will remain unaffected.

We will be in touch as soon as we have confirmation of an alternative referral laboratory and the necessary updates to our local laboratory IT. Please be assured that we are treating this as an urgent matter.

For any enquires regarding diabetic antibodies please continue to contact the Duty Immunologist either by email (ggc.immunology.labs@nhs.scot) or by telephone (0141 347 8872 or internal extension 68872).

We would be grateful if you could share this letter with colleagues and contact us if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

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