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Title	GCRF Checkit Fridge/Freezer Management System		

MANDATORY

Immediate actions in the event of an alarm received by Nurse Coordinator/Research Nurse Manager:

During CRF working hours Monday-Friday 0800-1700 hrs Checkit alerts will be actioned by CRF Research Nurse and Nurse Coordinator. Out of hours including weekends the alerts will be actioned by CRF Research Nurse Manager.

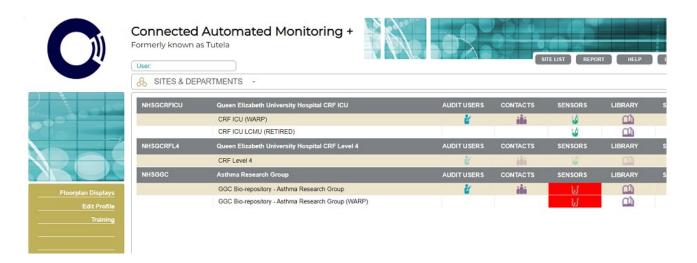
- Check Checkit system to view temperature excursion.
- Check fridge/freezer interior manually do not rely on door temperature.
- If evidence of defrosting look at immediate options for removal of samples and seek further advice from Nurse Manager.
- If no evidence of defrosting or warming move probe to ensure correct circulation around sensor.

Appliances using Checkit are only present in the following locations

 QEUH ICU research office on level 1 of the main building - requires swipe card access plus a key (held in GCRF).

Actions for Nurse Coordinator

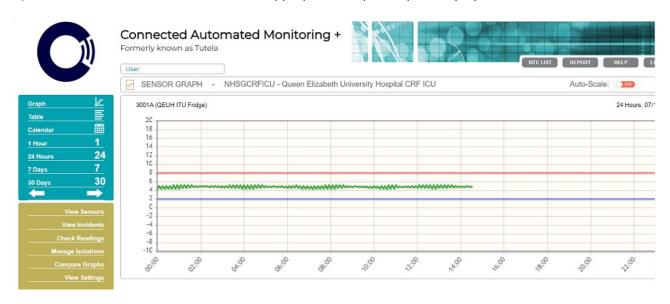
- 1. Review Checkit online system. Login details can be found on GCRF common drive CRF sites folder.
- a) Dashboard should look as below:



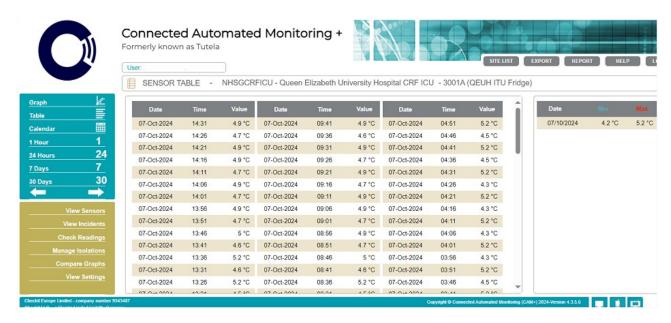
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NB: Red highlight indicates an active alarm.

b) Select the Sensor from the list, Select appropriate Graph. Graph is displayed below.



- c) Review green trace. Look for spikes in the temperature graph which might indicate freezer/fridge door being recently opened. This should not require action but must be observed. If a general trend upwards is seen, this may indicate an issue with either the freezer/fridge or the probe.
- d) The trace from the previous 7/30 days can also be displayed using Sensor list, Click on table



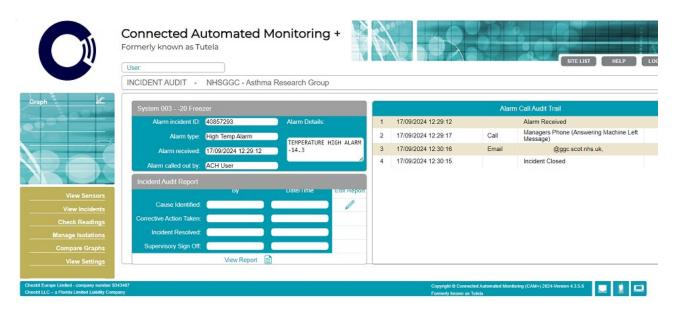
- e) Nurse coordinator should manually review appliance once made aware of alert. If clear evidence of defrosting/ warming is present (i.e. not hard frost in -80 or watery residue in the -40 freezer) move on to section h. If there is no evidence of defrosting/warming, then observe on Checkit for a further 30 mins.
- f) If after 30 mins, the temperature is returning to range, then continue observation until back within range. Checkit Probe updates the system every 5 minutes, so it may require 1 hour of observation to see the trend. Move on to section i to enter Corrective Action once the appliance is stable.

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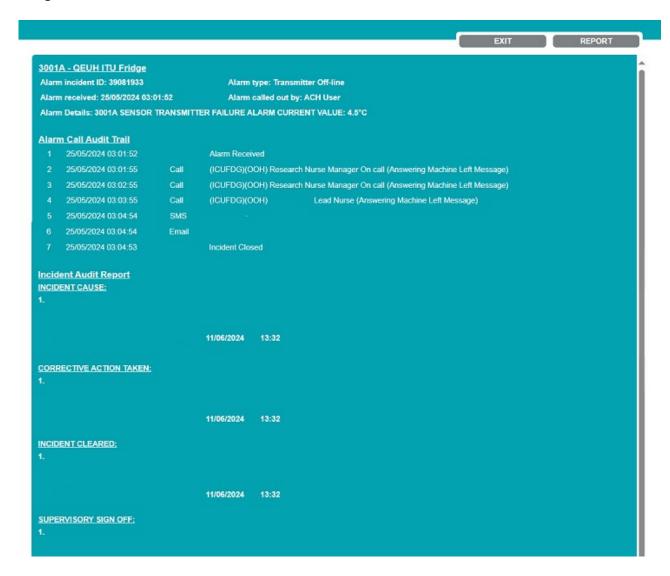
- g) If temperature not returning to within range after 30 mins, then escalate to Nurse Manager and move to section h.
- h) If clear evidence of defrosting/warming OR temperature not returning to range after observation:
 - Consider movement of samples to another freezer/fridge.
 - Ensure all logs are reviewed for samples present and contact investigators to see if samples can be stored at an alternative temperature (i.e. samples from -40 freezer being stored in the -80). If they cannot be contacted, or it is time critical, then samples should be moved even without investigator approval.
 - Ensure all Lead Study Nurses are informed via email that they should make their sponsors aware of need for alternative storage.
 - Ensure all Lead Study Nurses are informed that they must update their freezer logs as soon as practicable. File note (Form 51.016M) must be created detailing dates of move, brief description of issues, resolution and location of temporary storage.
 - Complete corrective actions as per section i, with the action stating, samples relocated.
- i) To acknowledge a temperature excursion/alert, go into:

Site list select the sensor, select Incident, Click on the audit icon to the right-hand side

j) Click on enter/edit report pencil for each of the fields:



- k) Enter comment in each filed as required
 The corrective action requires to have a supervisory sign off this can be completed by any one of the nurse managers, Lead nurse or one of the Biomedical scientists at the bio-repository.
- I) You can check incident report has been acknowledged by clicking the view report icon. Screen should show text box as follows:



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