



Change to sample extraction procedures

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For your information,

We will soon be changing our robotic extraction procedure for all samples requiring PCR testing from Qiagen MDx to the KingFisher Flex system. This method has been validated and forms part of an extension to scope application which was witnessed during our SU2 inspection and documentation has been with UKAS since May 2019. Reports will bear appropriate caveats where applicable.

This new extraction procedure is as efficient or better than our current extraction procedure. It is expected that there will be no negative effects on extraction and subsequent results of your samples.

In addition, we have validated a new heat treatment extraction procedure for respiratory swabs requesting the SARS – CoV-2 test. This will form part of a further extension to scope application to UKAS.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us regarding these changes.

Yours faithfully

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