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Dear Colleagues,

Oxford Immunology Service following transition to WinPATH Enterprise (WPE)

I am sorry to have to make this announcement, however, Oxford Laboratory Immunology has been under sustained operational pressure during 2025 to date. This has affected the turnaround times for assays that we offered to users outside of our immediate Pathology Network (South4).

As of March 17th, we have transitioned to a new Winpath Enterprise LIMS system. This has significantly increased our operational pressure, and we expect this to be ongoing for at least 3 months.

For existing NPEx users with our service, we have begun the process of reconnecting you to our new LIMS system in the next month. Please bear with us as we work through this process.

Locations which have an existing NPEx connection with us will have their workload prioritised in our system from this point on.

We are currently advising all users of our service that **DO NOT** utilise NPEx with us to seek other suppliers for tests that you currently send to Oxford. If you choose not to source another referral centre for your testing, please note that our expected turnaround time for this workstream will be significantly delayed. Some example realistic turnarounds are displayed below.

NMDA receptor antibodies – 4-6 weeks
LGI-1/CASPR2 antibodies – 4-6 weeks
Myasthenic screening - IIF – 10-15 weeks
Paraneoplastic immunoblot – 8-12 weeks
Paraneoplastic screening - IIF – 4-6 weeks
Live Aquaporin IV/Live MOG antibodies – 2-4 weeks

Yours faithfully



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