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Dear Service User,

We have identified your laboratory as sending samples to Biochemical Sciences at St Thomas' Hospital for Mycophenolic Acid (MPA) analysis in the last year. MPA analysis is also performed in a second Viapath laboratory, the Liver Unit at King's College Hospital. Therefore Viapath are consolidating MPA analysis on one site – this letter is to inform you that MPA analysis at St Thomas' will soon cease, with all samples being analysed by the King's Liver Unit.

Both departments use tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for MPA analysis. The turnaround time offered by the King's Liver Unit is 24 hours from receipt. Information regarding sample requirements, transport and correspondence details can be found on the next page.

Please could you arrange for samples for MPA analysis to be sent directly to the Liver Unit at King's College Hospital. Samples received up until **Monday 29th November** will be analysed at St Thomas', but after this date samples will be forwarded to King's for analysis until direct transport arrangements from your laboratory to King's have been put in place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Emmett".

Erin Emmett
Principal Clinical Scientist



Sample information	
Sample type	EDTA plasma (separate plasma from cells within 12 hours of collection) Pre-dose or 'trough' sample (at least 10 hours post dose)
Minimum sample volume	100 µL
Information required on request form	All patient demographics. Clinical details (if available) Sample date and time MPA dose. Date and time of last dose Report address (including nhs.net email address if required) Invoice address
Sample storage	Store in the fridge until ready to be sent If transport delayed by more than two days then store at -20°C
Sample transport	Room temperature or from frozen (transport at -20°C not required)
Service information	
Shipping address	IDM Service, Liver Studies, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS
Contact details	020 3299 3147 kch-tr.KCHIDMService@nhs.net
UKAS reference number	8805
Result reporting	Printed reports sent by second class post Reports emailed if an nhs.net email address is provided
Turnaround time	Within 24 hours of sample receipt (Mon - Fri 9.00 - 5.30)