

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you news about the safer diagnostics paper results switch off and the pay award for medical and dental staff.

Discontinuation of paper reports

From Monday 2 September results for tests ordered on TrakCare from Laboratories and Imaging will **only be produced electronically** for acute-based services across the whole of NHSGGC.

The aim is to reduce the risk of missing results and reduce time clinicians spend in looking out for results in case they are back.

The benefits:

- Users can see that results are available as soon as they are reported.
- It's clear that a result has been seen and what action if any taken, thus saving duplication of effort
- Safety net lists can be set up to find outstanding results by ward, specialty or responsible clinician
- Filtered lists returning specific result types, such as Pathology and/or Radiology, allows users to focus on high-risk results first

Paper reports will **only** be produced for the following diagnostics specialties:

- Clinical genetics
- Tissue typing
- Nuclear medicine

This change does **not** affect investigations fulfilled by services outside diagnostics such as cardiology or pulmonary function tests, some of which are requested on TrakCare.

If you are a practitioner/team currently relying on paper results to trigger actions **you need to plan now to use a paper-free approach from Monday 2 September 2019.**

Sources of information and assistance are available through the links below.

- For an introduction to setting up TrakCare to manage results sign off please [click here](#)
- For detailed User Guides please [click here](#)
- For Frequently Asked Questions please [click here](#)

- For a template for a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for results management please [click here](#)
- This Service Engagement Template [click here](#) can help your team understand how to get the best from TrakCare results management

If you have any concerns regarding your preparedness for the switch to electronic results for tests ordered on TrakCare from Laboratories and Imaging, please escalate this to your sector Chief of Medicine/Director.

Scottish Government press release NHS pay award for medical and dental staff

Announcing a pay award of 2.5% backdated to 1 April 2019 for NHS Scotland medical and dental staff, general medical practitioners and general dental practitioners, Health Secretary Jeane Freeman said:

“It’s the continued hard work and dedication of staff which makes our NHS the treasured institution it is and this uplift demonstrates that we fully value all our staff and the important contribution they make.

“It’s crucial we continue to not only recruit and build our future NHS workforce, but also retain expertise.

“This will help ensure that NHS Scotland remains an attractive employment option for medical and dental staff.”

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