Protocol for Significant Laboratory Results

SYPHILIS

Microbiologist detects positive syphilis serology from booking blood. All screen positive samples undergo confirmatory tests and results issued to named clinician within 15 days. (Standard 3e.2)

Microbiologist telephones outpatient manager (or deputy) at maternity unit responsible for woman’s antenatal care, and sends hard copy of report. All results are confirmed to requesting clinician in writing within 21 days of screen being performed. (Standard 3c.2)

Clinician/midwife recalls woman, explains result, and repeats blood to confirm identity, with support from sexual health advisor from Sandyford within 5 days of mother receiving test result (Standard 3d.1), and within 21 days of blood test. (Standard 3c.4)

Woman seen at GUM services for treatment and care of syphilis infection. GUM services arrange follow up of any contacts as required.

Mother receives antenatal care as per appropriate pregnancy pathway

Healthcare worker ensures appropriate instructions for follow-up of baby are documented in relevant place in mother’s notes.

Maternity staff contact paediatrician at delivery

Paediatrician reviews and arranges follow up of baby at birth

Microbiologist telephones Sexual Health Advisors at Sandyford (GUM Services) on 0141 211 8634 And
Sends hard copy of the laboratory report to Sandyford Initiative FAO Sexual Health Advisors