

Dear Users,

The type of the dried blood spot (DBS) card issued by the West of Scotland Specialist Virology Centre as part of our DBS kits has changed. We will no longer issue Whatman 903 protein saver cards. The new cards are of a similar format to what you are used to with 5 spots per card. The main difference is that each spot on the card is perforated; you will see a slight indent below the printed dotted line. This change will allow easier handling and processing of DBS cards within the laboratory. The way that you and your colleagues collect the DBS samples does not change and you should NOT remove the individual spots from the cards yourself. Please continue to add the blood up to the dotted line and ensure that each spot is fully saturated on the back of the card. There will be no change in how you order DBS kits from us, please continue to use our generic email address west.ssvc@nhs.net.

If you have any queries regarding the new DBS cards please contact Dr Samantha Shepherd (Samantha.Shepherd@ggc.scot.nhs.uk).

