

URGENT UPDATE ON USE OF RANDOX KITS

We have today received an update from DHSC for all services to pause using Randox testing kits with immediate effect see link below:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/update-on-randox-test-kits>

If you have any **unused** Randox kits you should put these in a safe place and away from other testing kits until further notice.

As Marley test centre only use Randox kits they unfortunately had to suspend service today but have confirmed that they will be receiving replacement kits which are kingfisher kits later today so normal business will be resumed tomorrow.

The process for using and registering the Kingfisher kits will be very similar to the process for the Randox kits. The main difference is that the subject cannot go to the Randox website to register, as they will not be automatically re-directed to the national subject portal. The subject will need to go to the following website:

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/register-kit>

The instructions are also listed on the attached test registration card. If you could please print these and provide them to the testing subjects where they are registering their own tests. We are also attaching instructions on how to use these Kingfisher kits, which are slightly different to Randox.

We expect that the national position will be slightly more complex to resolve given the volumes affected and you may find that there are some delays with receiving replacement kits if you already have a supply to do this then your care home will be prioritised. For those care homes that have not yet received your mass supply for testing, then you can still use the facility at Marley to test staff weekly until such a time that your supply arrives. Please contact the central testing team if you have any queries in this regard either via email at covid19.stafftesting@bradford.gov.uk or telephone **01274 437070**.