

7.7 Action card – Suspected HCID ongoing management - Laboratory Senior BMS

Senior Laboratory Biomedical Scientist

Responsible for: Safe handling of laboratory specimens and performing testing within scope

Situation: You have been informed that a patient assessed as suspected High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) is to have specimens delivered for testing, and/or may have specimens already in the laboratory

| Actions (all must be performed) | Notes | Done |
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| Follow your lab SOP for handling and testing of specimens from the HCID in question | | |
| If you feel that you cannot safely do a test that has been requested then inform the Microbiology Consultant on Duty. | Note that testing of blood for Malaria is within scope of Raigmore and RGH labs for these samples | |
| Inform your specimen reception that any further specimens from this patient arriving in reception should be treated as HCID | | |
| Check if any specimens from this patient within the infectious period are currently within your lab and manage appropriately | | |
| Check if any specimens from this patient within the infectious period have been sent from your lab to another lab, and if so inform lead BMS in receiving lab | | |