

Dear GP Colleagues,

**Creatinine and eGFR results reported without SNOMED codes**

In October 2023, The UK Kidney Association Working Group issued a Patient Safety Alert on the Lack of standardisation of kidney function measurement across the United Kingdom. Several recommendations were made including that:

*All Trusts and laboratories should report the method of creatinine (e.g. Enzymatic) and the specific eGFR equation (e.g. CKD-EPI 2009) used alongside these results.*

To comply with this recommendation the test name description for Creatinine and eGFR was updated on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 at approximately 13:30. There was no change in test code and this we did not anticipate that these changes would have an impact to the GP systems. We received feedback from primary care that the creatinine and eGFR results were being reported without SNOMED codes. This meant that these results would be transmitted into the GP systems as unmapped textual results.

Once the issue was highlighted the tests were updated with the SNOMED codes. The issue was resolved on 29/11/2024 at 09.56. In the intervening period approximately 2600 requests for these tests were sent out without SNOMED codes.

We intend to resend these results now that they have been mapped so you are able to track and monitor these tests as you would normally do so.

This will happen this week (w/b Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024)

If any clinical concerns have arose due to this please let the trust know via [janet.bartlett@nhs.net](mailto:janet.bartlett@nhs.net) so an alert can be raised and this can be investigated.

Please accept our apologies, we are now in the process of streamlining the testing process and including end to end testing with GP electronic systems.

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**Reference:**

[UKKA Website - UKKA Safety Alert eGFR 2023\\_0.pdf](#)

