

Temporary transfer of Andrology Service from Worcester to the Birmingham Women's Hospital Andrology Service
Pathway for the Referral, Production & Reporting of Semen Samples for Fertility Investigations

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Key Amendments

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1. Referrals are sent to the Birmingham Women's Hospital Booking Office using the BWH referral form:

Booking Office
Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust
Mindelsohn Way
Birmingham
B15 2TG

Fax number: 0121 627 2738

Telephone number: 0121 623 6845

2. All semen analysis will be undertaken within the Birmingham Women's Andrology Laboratory.
3. Referring clinician complete the correct SFA Referral Form provided by BWH Andrology stating:
 - Patients name, DOB, address and NHS number
 - The name and address of the referring Doctor, or consultant
 - SFA required
 - Any **relevant** clinical history e.g. suspected retrograde ejaculation
4. Patients receive an appointment letter in the post for their SFA test and instructions about the sample production. The appointment letter to the patient should be received within two weeks, the current wait for an appointment is two months.
5. SFA sample is produced in a procurement room at the Birmingham Women's Hospital by clinic appointment.

If a patient finds it difficult to produce a sample he can produce the sample at home in toxicity tested sample pot, however the sample must be brought to the Andrology Laboratory within **45 minutes** of production. **Sample pots can be provided by the patient contacting the laboratory prior to their appointment (10 days prior if the patient requires the sample pot to be posted)**

6. Reports will be issued electronically if a secure encrypted e-mail is provided by the referring clinician or by post. Receipt of the report is approximately 7-10 days after the SFA appointment. If a result is not available when the patient is seen in clinic phone andrology on BWH 0121 6272738
Clinic appointments will remain in Worcestershire Acute NHS Trust as per [Primary care fertility pathway](#)