

NHS England have informed us there is a global shortage of Blood Specimen Collection Bottles.

GP Practices have been informed to **STOP all non-urgent blood tests until further notice**. Only very urgent bloods will be taken.

National Guidance for Primary Care and community care

All primary care and community testing must be halted until further notice, except for clinically urgent testing. Examples of clinically urgent testing include:

- Bloods that are required to facilitate a two week wait referral
- Bloods that are extremely overdue and/or essential for safe prescribing of medication or monitoring of condition
- Bloods that if taken could avoid a hospital admission or prevent onward referral
- Those with suspected sepsis or conditions with a risk of death or disability
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We will keep the practice website updated with further developments.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we deal with this national shortage.

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