

**The packaging of samples and request cards for pathology investigation**

This guidance should be read in conjunction with the Trust policy on Specimen Labelling & Transportation

The transportation of all samples and specimens will be undertaken using containers which meet the specification laid out in the "Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (Classification, Packaging and Labelling) Regulations " (CDG-CPL)

The Trust is currently tendering for containers to meet these specifications, but until such time as the tender process is complete, all samples and specimens will continue to be transported as at present.

Where staff or managers are concerned about the containers currently in use, or need advice on the most appropriate containers to use, they should contact the most appropriate laboratory for advice.