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Dear Colleague,

**IMPORTANT: CHANGES TO NATIONAL TEST DIRECTORY FROM APRIL 2026**

NHSE genetic laboratories are required to deliver testing according to the National Genomic Test Directory: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-genomic-test-directories/>.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 the following changes affecting karyotyping will be implemented:

**R297 Possible structural chromosomal rearrangement - karyotype or Targeted Chromosomal Analysis – this Clinical indication will be retired and replaced with:**

**R463 Cytogenetic characterisation of a genomic abnormality – Karyotype or Targeted Chromosome Analysis**

**R464 Recurrent miscarriage where products of conception are not available for testing – parental karyotype**

**R465 Familial cytogenetic rearrangement - Karyotype or Targeted Chromosome Analysis**

**R466 Unexplained infertility – karyotype**

**R467 Gamete donors – karyotype**

**R468 Possible sex chromosome aneuploidy or structural rearrangement – Targeted Chromosome Analysis**

The referral information given **must** state how the patient meets the eligibility criteria.

Please refer to the latest version of the National Test Directory V9 which will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> April here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-genomic-test-directories/> to ensure your patient is eligible before sending for testing.

**If the patient does not meet the criteria for testing or insufficient clinical information is provided the test request will be rejected.**

**These changes will be implemented by the North East and Yorkshire GLH from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.**

If you have any questions regarding this change in service, please do not hesitate to contact your local genetics laboratory:

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