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Title: Management and use of IVD point of care test - version 1.2

Summary: The aim of this document is to provide advice and guidance on the management and use of point of care testing (POCT) in vitro diagnostic (IVD) devices. It is a revised edition of the version first published in 2002 as DB 2002(03).

Action: For information

Action By: Onward distribution MHRA recommends that the distribution should include anyone involved in the management and use of Point of Care Test (POCT) services in primary and secondary care including: 1. managerial staff 2. scientific staff 3. technical 4. clinical and nursing staff If applicable this may include 1. outpatient clinics 2. community care 3. GP practices 4. community providers 5. primary care settings

1.: MHRA has published the attached safety guidance document and it applies across the UK

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