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FREE T4			

MEMORANDUM

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Issued By: Dr. Maria Fitzgibbon

Issued To: Cavan General Hospital Consultants, NCHDs and GPs

Subject: Free T4

Details:

Dear Doctor,

Abbott Diagnostics, the manufacturer of our free T4 assay have informed us of a drop in the upper reportable range of the fT4 assay from 77 pmol/L to 64 pmol/L effective immediately. Should you feel that any patient affected by this needs closer monitoring, we can refer them for free T4 using a Roche method (reportable up to 100 pmol/L) or for total T4 as appropriate. The manufacturer cannot inform us, at present, whether this is a temporary or permanent change. We will update you as further information comes to light.

Best regards,
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