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Dear Lara and Cathie

During previous meetings and email discussions I have raised concern about the success rates we are seeing when a sample is requested to continue being tested after having received a result "insufficient DNA for further processing". Since our last discussions we have undertaken further internal analysis that I feel you need to be advised of. Since January 2021 QPS have requested 393 samples to continue with testing and found that 33% of these samples returned a useable profile. The success rate was 66% for the samples that pertained to sex offences. The attached spreadsheet provides information on the samples and the results received.

The success rate observed for samples relating to sex offences is disturbingly high and raises the risk that we may be missing evidence that could identify an offender. The QPS needs to take steps to mitigate this risk. Based on the results being achieved, the QPS is no longer comfortable with the automatic discontinuation of testing of samples below the .008ng/uL threshold. This matter needs to be discussed as matter of priority between both agencies to find a suitable solution. I believe the next meeting has been changed for later in June which may be too far away to discuss this important matter. I wondered if there was a time you might be available sooner please.

Regards

David Neville

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