What specimen, which container? Please see our website and user guide for further instructions

**Viral PCR Sample Solution (VPSS)**

Swabs – Flocked swabs should be used wherever possible, in conjunction with the Viral PCR Sample Solution (VPSS). These can be used to take nose, throat, genital (including vulvo-vaginal, cervical), eye, vesicle, ulcer, lesion, mouth, pharyngeal and rectal swabs. After the swab is taken it should be expressed on the side of the vial and discarded. The cap should be replaced tightly prior to being sent to the laboratory.

**How to order Viral PCR Solution (VPSS):** Please email the Office Manager, Miss Christine Ritchie via christine.ritchie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk to order Viral PCR solution (VPSS). Alternatively requests for VPSS can be made via the office on 0141 201 8722.

**For Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae PCR ONLY use the Abbott multi-collect specimen collection kit** (for all other testing requirements send specimens in VPSS)

**Bloodborne virus screen (HIV, HBV, HCV)**

EDTA blood: 9ml purple FBC bottle

**Contact details for comments and help regarding the service**

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