

## **White Paper Reporting Times**

### **3 days**

*DH:- within three days where the result is needed urgently (eg. for prenatal diagnosis)*

CMGS:- within 3 working days for PCR-based tests where the result is needed urgently for prenatal diagnosis

### **2 weeks**

*DH:- within two weeks where the potential genetic mutation is already known (e.g. because another family member has already been tested)*

CMGS:- within 2 weeks (10 working days) for Southern blot tests where the result is needed urgently for prenatal diagnosis, PCR-based tests where the familial mutation is known, specific mutation tests, or gene tracking by microsatellite analysis

### **8 weeks**

*DH:- within eight weeks for unknown mutations in a large gene*

CMGS:- within 8 weeks (40 working days) for mutation screening of a single gene or tests that may require Southern blot analysis

### Note

Activation date is the date on which the sample (or all the required samples) and all information pertaining to the request is received by the testing laboratory. Reporting date is the date on which the result is first issued; by telephone, fax or written report. The reporting time is the difference between the two dates measured in working days. The aim is to report  $\geq 95\%$  of tests within these reporting times.