

SPS Andrology Service

The Andrology service is a strictly appointment-based service.

Requests for appointments should be made directly through your GP or Consultant.

Once your Gp has made a request to use this service, you will be sent a personal appointment, detailing the specific date and time for your sample to be tested.

Appointments are mostly scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays but can be any day of the week.

Samples need to be dropped off in the Sample reception areas at Southwest Pathology Services, Lisieux Way, Taunton TA1 2LB or Yeovil District Hospital Pathology department at the specific times allocated within the appointment letter.

Samples that are dropped off without an appointment will not be examined.

Patients who wish to cancel or change their set appointments will be able to do so by following the instructions within the appointment letter.

Andrology Test Repertoire

Initial Fertility Investigation

Post Vasectomy Analysis

Results are normally reported on the day of sample receipt. Results are available via your GP/Consultant.

Please note:

Post vasectomy samples received in the laboratory at over 4 hours post specimen production will be reported as non-accredited samples. Due to the time delay in the laboratory receiving the sample, testing may result in failure to detect spermatozoa, also the concentration and motility of any spermatozoa present potentially being affected. This will result in the failure to accurately assess the vitality of any sperm that may have been present at the time of ejaculation

Please note: We perform an agreed range of Andrology testing in line with local protocols primarily aimed at initial semen sample screening. Due to the nature of our service, we do not provide Fertility testing in full accordance to WHO standards.

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