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Dear Dr Ní Bhriain,

The Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine request a meeting, to afford an opportunity to discuss with you the future of Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Ireland.

The aspects of future delivery of diagnostic laboratory services we would like to discuss include:

- The sustainability of general diagnostic services in terms of recruitment and retention of Medical Scientists and their career progression.
- The urgent need for repatriation of cervical screening services and long term sustainability of this service.
- The expansion of sequencing capacity at acute sites to underpin existing SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic services.
- Maximising laboratory IT systems and the data stored therein, to support and optimise patient management within the chronic disease programmes

Regards

Bernadette Jackson,
President.