October 2017

**Ref: Anticogulant Therapy Record**

Dear Patient

From November 2017 the yellow **anticoagulant record book will be replaced by a letter**. Patients will be transferred over to this new letter at their next appointment.

This letter will contain patient details such as:

1. Personal details
2. Anticoagulant therapy record
3. Recently tested INR result
4. Warfarin dose
5. Next appointment date.

All letters will be dispatched via 1st Class post.

This portion known as the **INR Test Request** form will be required for your next blood test. Please ensure you have this with you, as it will be the only record that the Nurse or Healthcare Worker can refer to, when taking your blood sample.

The barcode label attached to the **INR Test Request** form is unique to you and your blood test. The label will be used on the blood sample and will provide a more secure system in the identification of you as a patient and your sample. Enabling faster provision of results to the Anticoagulant Team and you.

Please follow the instructions provided in the letter.

The yellow book can be kept by you, but it will no longer be asked for by the Anticoagulation Team or Healthcare Worker once you have been transferred over.

There is a perforated portion which can be torn off as shown below:

Your care is important to us and should you have any concerns or would like to speak to someone about this change please contact the Anticoagulation Clinic staff on your next visit or alternatively telephone on **01582 497537** between Monday to Friday from 1pm to 4pm**.**

Regards

Anticoagulation Team