

Appendix 1: Scenarios.

Examples of more real-life clinical risks associated with lack of connectivity:

1. An operator/health carer missed recording a positive urine pregnancy test. The patient was exposed to a radiological investigation with the risk of harm to the unborn foetus.
2. Surgically operating on a patient without knowing their COVID-19 rapid antigen test result because of delays in implementing connectivity.
3. An International Normalised Ratio (INR) result for warfarin monitoring, requiring medical intervention may not be viewable by the treating clinician; this can result in mismanagement, bleeding, or thrombosis.
4. Patient C says they had two POCT Hepatitis C screening tests. Dr F cannot find a record of the tests and results. The test is repeated.