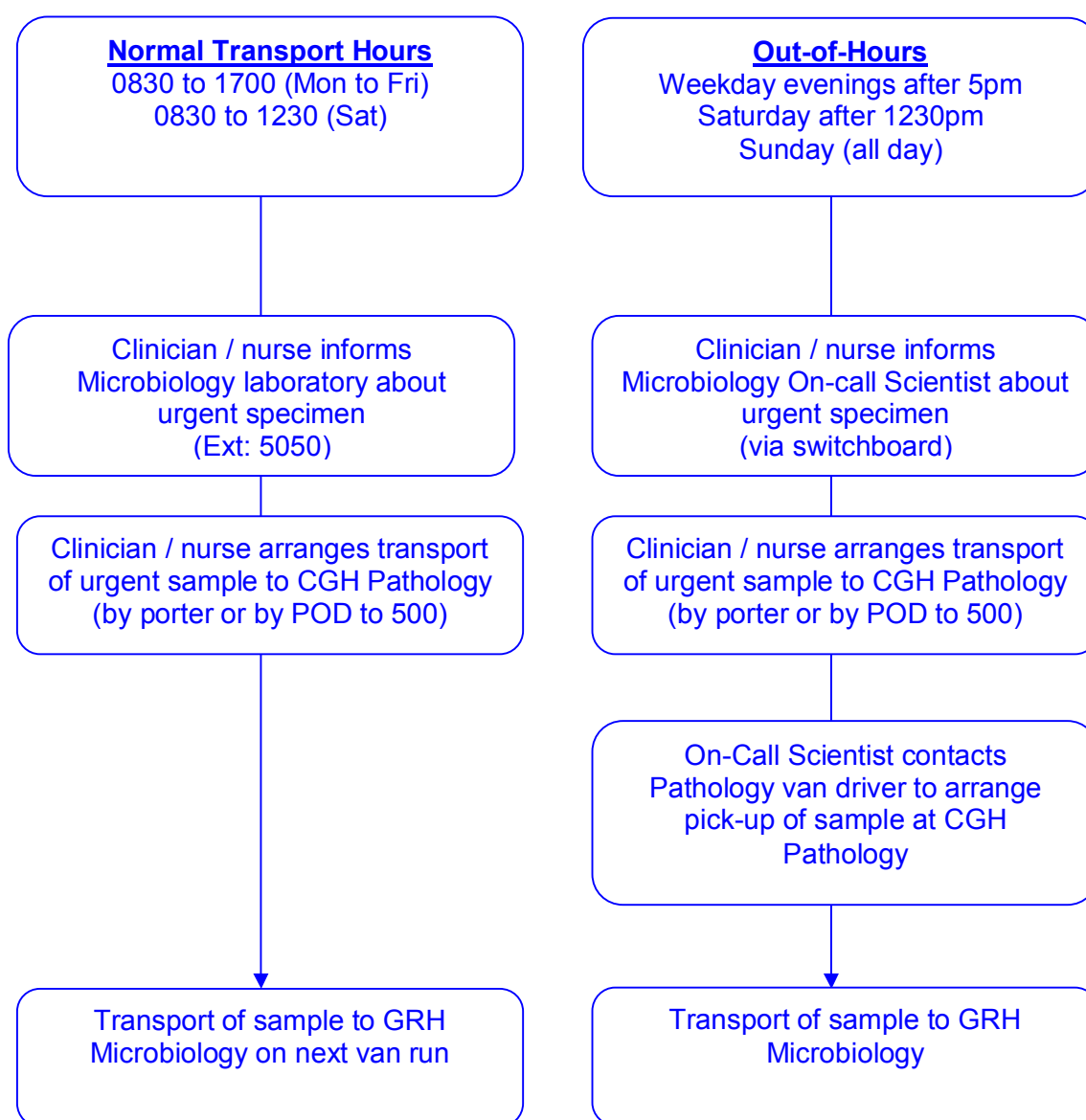


Urgent Specimen Transport for Microbiology (Cheltenham to Gloucester Only)

Since the merger of the two laboratories in 2008, the microbiology services have been operating out of a single laboratory on the GRH site.

During **normal working hours** (0830-1700 on Monday to Friday and 0830-1230 on Saturday), specimens are transported between the two sites using the Pathology van service. It is important that all urgent specimens are notified to the Microbiology laboratory, so that tests can be fast-tracked and results reported as soon as possible.

During the **out-of-hours period** (weekday evenings after 5pm, Saturday after 1230, all day Sunday), the transport of urgent specimens from CGH to GRH needs to be arranged on an individual basis. The process below-right must be followed, to ensure that specimens are processed and reported within an appropriate timeframe.



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