Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking System Newsletter – 2nd Quarter 2019

Texas Track-Kit Pilot
Beginning the week of June 10th, user groups in select cities will begin tracking sexual assault kits as part of the pilot project to identify any potential issues prior to statewide implementation on September 1st. The pilot locations are:

- Amarillo
- Arlington
- El Paso
- Houston
- Lubbock

These locations were chosen to validate the customization of Track-Kit for their unique workflows. The Survivor Portal will be part of the pilot testing in order to verify ease of use and to ensure functionality.

Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits
DPS continues to work with the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit manufacturers to ensure all kits sold in Texas after September 1st will contain the components necessary for the Sexual Assault Evidence (SAE) Tracking System. The updated kits will contain tracking barcodes on multiple locations on the outside of the kit, 10 kit identifier labels for use on paperwork/additional evidence collected at the time of medical exam, and a card that will contain login information and credentials for the survivor.

If your hospital/agency/lab currently has uncollected sexual assault evidence kits in your inventory without tracking barcodes, DPS will provide a tracking barcode and the survivor card for use on kits collected after September 1st. Send requests for barcodes/survivor cards to the SAE Tracking Program by email at kittracking@dps.texas.gov. Please include with your request the approximate number of uncollected kits without barcodes estimated to be in your inventory on September 1st.

End User Training Plan
From June through August, STACS DNA will provide web-based training sessions for each user group to ensure all entities required to participate in the SAE Tracking System have the opportunity to receive essential training prior to implementation. During these 1 hour web-based training sessions, users will receive instruction related to tasks they will be expected to complete in order to successfully track evidence through the system. Users only need to participate in one session. The training schedule and GotoWebinar registration links are posted on the SAE Tracking website and have been emailed to those on the SAE email distribution list.

Track-Kit User Accounts
STACS DNA is in the process of creating user access forms for each Track-Kit user group. These forms will be available by the end of June and will be used to establish agencies and populate user information in the Track-Kit system. Each hospital/agency/lab will be able to add additional users once a Track-Kit account for their organization is activated. An email will be sent to those on the SAE email distribution list once the forms are available.

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