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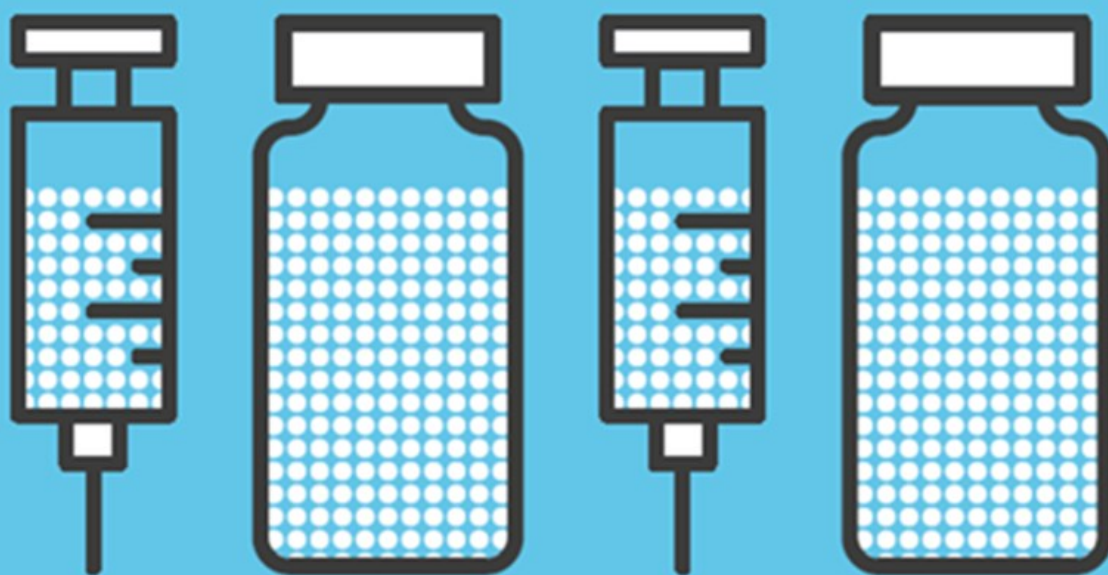
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Who are UK NEQAS?

United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service (UK NEQAS) is the **world leading** provider of clinical laboratory External Quality Assessment (EQA)/Proficiency Testing (PT) programmes. The EQA/PT programmes provided by UK NEQAS are designed and operated by highly experienced organisers and scientists, wholly committed to improving the quality of testing in healthcare laboratories for the benefit of patients worldwide.

To ensure the provision of high quality EQA/PT and delivery of appropriate scientific support in each specialist area of clinical laboratory testing, each UK NEQAS service is operated from a dedicated expert centre. These 20 centres are in 11 cities around the UK and together they form the UK NEQAS Consortium, a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and a UK Registered Charity (no: 1044013). Each UK NEQAS member centre operates on a strict not for profit basis, has no commercial interests and is **accredited to ISO 17043:2010**.

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In addition to delivering over 500 different EQA/PT programmes, UK NEQAS also operates PrepQ, a dedicated Pre- and Post- Analytical Quality Monitoring service which has been designed to allow participating laboratories to monitor their pre and post analytical issues to support the requirements of ISO 15189.

To supplement the UK NEQAS EQA/PT programmes and ensure that any findings identifying factors associated with good or poor performance are shared with laboratories, we regularly publish in peer reviewed journals, host scientific meetings and run educational webinars.

At UK NEQAS we believe that this approach ensures the best possible quality service is provided to clinical laboratories, and that this supports the continual improvement of healthcare service delivery worldwide. When selecting an EQA/PT service, it is clear to see why thousands of laboratories globally have chosen to use UK NEQAS.

Thank you for selecting and supporting UK NEQAS.

Liam Whitby
President, UK NEQAS

Our Mission

IMPROVING GLOBAL
DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FOR
THE BENEFIT OF PATIENTS THROUGH
QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND EDUCATION

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Cellular Pathology Technique	
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Website:	www.ukneqascpt.org.uk 
Email:	cpt@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	LabXCell LTD
Services Available	
Slide Based Schemes	
Tissue Diagnostics	
Specialist Techniques	
Neuropathology	
Frozen Section (Companion Scheme to Specialist Techniques and Neuropathology)	
Mega Block (Companion Scheme to Specialist Techniques and Neuropathology)	
Muscle Histochemistry	
Renal Biopsy Pathology	
Diagnostic Cytopathology	
Diagnostic Cytopathology Cell Block	
Bone Marrow Trepine Biopsy (BMT)	
Mohs' Procedure	
Web Based Schemes	
Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)	
Direct Immunofluorescence (DIF)	
Digital Pathology (Pilot)	
Digital Interpretive Web Based Schemes	
Digital Interpretative Diagnostic Cytopathology	
Digital Diagnostic Ultrastructural Pathology (Pilot)	
Digital Interpretative Synovial Fluid	

Head & Neck Pathology	
Tel:	+44 (0) 121 371 5723
Email:	neckpath@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	British Society for Oral & Maxillofacial
Services Available	
Head and Neck Pathology (Oral, ENT &	

Immunocytochemistry & In-Situ Hybridisation	
Tel:	+44 (0) 208 187 9174
Website:	www.ukneqasiccish.org 
Email:	info@ukneqasiccish.org
Legal Entity:	External Quality Assessment Services for Cancer Diagnostics CIC
Services Available	
Immunocytochemistry	
Alimentary Tract Pathology (GIST)	
Breast Pathology (HER2 IHC)	
Breast Pathology (Low Expression HER2 IHC) (Pilot)	
Breast Pathology (Hormonal Receptors ER & PR)	
Breast Pathology (Hormonal Receptors ER only)	
Cytopathology	
Gastric HER2 IHC	
General Pathology	
Lymphoid Pathology	
Mismatch Repair (MMR) Proteins	
Neuropathology	
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) ALK IHC	
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) PD-L1 IHC (Pilot)	

Cellular Pathology

Immunocytochemistry & In-Situ Hybridisation	
Services Available	
Immunocytochemistry (cont.)	
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) ROS1 IHC (Pilot)	
Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) PD-L1 IHC (Pilot)	
Ki-67 in Breast Cancer (Pilot)	
p16 in Head & Neck Pathology (Pilot)	
In-Situ Hybridisation	
Breast HER2 ISH (Interpretive and Technical)	
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) ALK ISH (Pilot)	
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) ROS1 FISH (Pilot)	
High-risk HPV in Head & Neck Pathology (Pilot)	


Clinical Chemistry


Birmingham Quality	
Tel:	+44 (0) 121 414 7300
Website:	www.birminghamquality.org.uk 
Email:	birminghamquality@uhb.nhs.uk
Legal Entity:	University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
ACE	
Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease (Creatinine, Cystatin C, eGFR and AKI)	
Antibiotic Assays	
Antifungal Assays	
Bile Acids	
Clinical Chemistry	
Erythropoietin	
Faecal Haemoglobin	

Clinical Chemistry


Birmingham Quality
Services Available
Faecal Markers
Faecal Pancreatic Elastase
Fluids
Fructosamine
Glycated Haemoglobins
Haematinics
Holo-transcobalamin
Immunosuppressants
Interpretative Comments in Clinical Chemistry
Intrinsic Factor Antibodies
Lipid Investigations
Newborn Screening
Paediatric Bilirubin
Plasma Metanephrines
Quantitative Amino Acids
Serum Indices (HIL)
Specific Proteins
Steroid Hormones
Sweat Testing
Thyroglobulin
Thyroid Hormones
Toxicology (TOX) and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM)
Urinary Catecholamines & Metabolites
Urine Chemistries
Urine Dipsticks
Vitamin Assays (Carotene, Vitamin A & E)
Vitamin D
Vitamin K

Clinical Chemistry

Cardiac Markers	
Tel:	+44 (0) 141 440 2888
Website:	www.ukneqas-cm.org.uk 
Email:	info@ukneqas-cm.org.uk
Legal Entity:	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Services Available	
Cardiac Markers Schemes (Laboratory)	
hs Cardiac Troponin I, hs Cardiac Troponin T, CKMB, Myoglobin, NT-proBNP	
B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP)	
Cardiac Markers Schemes (Point of Care)	
Cardiac Troponin I, Cardiac Troponin T, CKMB, Myoglobin, NT-proBNP	
High Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin I (Pilot)	


Edinburgh Peptide Hormones	
Tel:	+44 (0) 131 242 6885
Website:	www.edqas.org 
Email:	ukneqas@ed.ac.uk
Legal Entity:	NHS Lothian
Services Available	
Maternal Serum Screening	
1st Trimester (Down's syndrome and Trisomies T13 and T18)	
1st Trimester (Down's syndrome using dried blood spots) (Pilot)	
2nd Trimester (Down's syndrome)	
2nd Trimester (Neural tube defects)	
Pre-eclampsia Markers	
Placental Growth Factor (PLGF)	
sFlt-1	
sFlt-1: PLGF ratio	
Peptide I	
FSH, LH, AMH, Prolactin and Growth Hormone	

Edinburgh Peptide Hormones	
Services Available	
Peptide II	
PTH, ACTH and Calcitonin	
Tumour Markers	
AFP, CEA and hCG	
Pregnancy Testing	
Urinary hCG (Qualitative and Quantitative)	
Liver Fibrosis Markers	
Type III Procollagen Peptide (PIIINP)	
Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) Score	
FIB-4 Score	
Hyaluronic acid	
Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase I (TIMP-I)	

Guildford Peptide Hormones & Trace Elements	
Tel:	+44 (0) 148 357 1122 ext. 3611
Website:	www.surreyeqas.org.uk 
Email:	rsch.peptideeqa@nhs.net rsc-tr.Guildford-EQA@nhs.net
Legal Entity:	Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
C-Peptide	
Gastrin	
Insulin	
Insulin-like Growth Factor 1	
Insulin-like Growth Factor Binding Protein-3	
Lead, Cadmium, Manganese, Arsenic, Magnesium*, Mercury, Zinc*, Selenium, Thallium, Chromium and Cobalt in Whole Blood	
Mercury, Cadmium, Copper, Iron, Zinc, Chromium, Cobalt, Arsenic, Lead, Manganese, Nickel, Thallium and Selenium in Urine	
Zinc, Copper, Aluminium, Selenium, Chromium and Cobalt in Serum	

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Genomics

Genomics (GenQA)	
Tel:	+44 (0) 131 242 6898
Website:	www.genqa.org 
Email:	info@genqa.org
Legal Entity:	Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
Clinical Genetics & Genetic Counselling	
Clinical Genetics - Cardiovascular disorders	
Clinical Genetics - Dysmorphology	
Clinical Genetics - Metabolic disorders	
Clinical Genetics - Monogenic disorders	
Clinical Genetics - Oncogenetic disorders	
Genetic counselling	
Genomic multi-disciplinary team (MDT) working	
Genomic and Inherited Disorders	
Ataxia, including Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia (HSP)	
Calcium disorders	
Cardiac disorders	
Charcot Marie Tooth disease and related sensory and motor neuropathies	
Chromosome Instability syndromes	
Cystic fibrosis and <i>CFTR</i> -related disorders	
Developmental delay	
Differences in sex development	
Epilepsy disorders	
Eye disorders	
Familial colorectal cancer and polyposis	
Familial endocrine tumour predisposition disorders	
Familial Hypercholesterolaemia	
Fragile X syndrome and <i>FMR1</i> -related disorders	
Gastrohepatology disorders	

Genomics (GenQA)	
Services Available	
Genomic and Inherited Disorders (cont.)	
Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer disorders (HBOC)	
Huntington disease and DRPLA	
Hypotonic Infant	
Imprinting disorders	
Inborn errors of metabolism	
Infertility	
Linkage analysis	
Microdeletion syndromes	
Mitochondrial disease	
Muscular dystrophies	
Neurodegenerative disorders	
Neurofibromatosis and rasopathies	
Postnatal constitutional copy number variants (CNV) detection	
Postnatal karyotyping	
Primary Immunodeficiency disorders (PID)	
Renal disorders	
Respiratory disorders	
Skeletal Dysplasias	
X-inactivation	
Haematological Neoplasms	
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL)	
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL)	
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) IGHV mutation status	
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) <i>TP53</i> analysis	
Haematological Technical FISH	
Lymphoma	
Lymphoma Technical NGS	
Myeloid disorders	
Myeloma	

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Genomics

Genomics (GenQA)
Services Available
Individual Competency Assessment
Classification of <i>BRCA1</i> , <i>BRCA2</i> and other <i>HRR</i> gene variants
Classification of germline variants (SNVs and CNVs)
Genomic laboratory training videos
Tissue assessment
Molecular Newborn Screening
Molecular testing for cystic fibrosis (CF)
Molecular testing for Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (MCADD)
Molecular testing for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)
Molecular testing for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
Molecular Pathology
BRCA testing for ovarian and prostate cancer - somatic
BRCA testing for ovarian, breast, prostate and pancreatic cancer - germline
BRCA testing in prostate cancer – cfDNA
Breast cancer - <i>PIK3CA</i> testing
Breast cancer - Tumour expression profiling
Central Nervous System (CNS) tumours
Cholangiocarcinoma
Colorectal cancer - core
Colorectal cancer - MMR
Endometrial tumours
Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours (GIST)
Lung cancer - Circulating free (cf) DNA in lung cancer
Lung cancer – comprehensive molecular
Lung cancer - EGFR
Lung cancer – fusions FISH/IHC
Lung cancer – fusions molecular
Melanoma
Microsatellite Instability (MSI)

Genomics (GenQA)
Services Available
Molecular Pathology (cont.)
Molecular Tissue identification
NTRK fusions
Renal tumours
Sarcoma
Thyroid cancer
Pharmacogenomics
Aminoglycoside Induced deafness
Pharmacogenomics panel
Prediction of Clopidogrel effectiveness (<i>CYP2C19</i>)
Prediction of Fluorouracil toxicity (<i>DPYD</i>)
Prediction of Thiopurine toxicity (<i>TPMT</i> & <i>NUDT15</i>)
Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT)
PGT for aneuploidies (PGT-A)
PGT for blastomere FISH
PGT for monogenic disorders
PGT for structural rearrangements (PGT-SR)
Reproductive Genetics
Abnormal ultrasound
Carrier screening
Maternal cell contamination (MCC) and fetal sexing
Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for common aneuploidies
Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for common microdeletions
Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for fetal RhD status
Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for fetal sexing
Pregnancy loss
Prenatal constitutional copy number variant (CNV) detection
Prenatal karyotyping

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Genomics (GenQA)
Services Available
Reproductive Genetics (cont.)
Rapid prenatal testing for common aneuploidies
Sample Handling
DNA extraction from formalin-fixed paraffin embedded (FFPE) tissue
DNA extraction from fresh tissue
DNA extraction from saliva
DNA extraction from venous blood
DNA quantification
Technical
Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for germline CNVs
Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for germline SNVs and indels
Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for somatic SNVs and indels - tumour testing only
Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for somatic SNVs and indels - tumour with germline subtraction analysis
Optical Genome Mapping
Variant Classification & Interpretation
Classification of germline SNVs and indels
Classification and interpretation of germline SNVs and indels
Exome trio sequencing - postnatal
Exome trio sequencing - prenatal
ISCN
Pathogenicity of germline postnatal copy number variants (CNV)
Pathogenicity of haematological neoplasm variants
Pathogenicity of prenatal copy number variants (CNV)
Pathogenicity of RNA splicing variants
Pathogenicity of somatic sequence variants
Variant validation

Blood Coagulation	
Tel:	+44 (0) 114 267 3300
Website:	www.ukneqasbc.org 
Email:	neqas@coageqa.org.uk
Legal Entity:	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
Screening Tests	
Prothrombin Time (PT)/INR (Venous/Capillary Methods)	
Prothrombin Time for Diagnosis (PT/Diagnostic) (PTD)	
Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT)	
Heparin Dosage Assessment (HDA) by APT	
Heparin Assay (HA) - Anti-Xa	
Thrombin Time (TT)	
Fibrinogen Assay (Clauss/MultifibrinU)	
D-Dimer	
Assays	
Factor II, V, VII VIII, IX, X, XI, XII Assays	
Von Willebrand Factor Antigen: Assay	
VWF:CB (Collagen-Binding) Assay	
VWF:RCo (Activity) Assay	
Antithrombin Antigen and Activity Assays	
Protein C Antigen and Activity Assay	
Protein S Total and Free Antigen Assay	
Protein S Activity Assay	
Activated Protein C Resistance Assay	
Plasminogen Assay	
Other Programmes	
ADAMTS13 Assays	
DOAC Assays (Dabigatran, Rivaroxaban, Apixaban, Edoxaban)	
Lupus Anticoagulant Screening/Assay	
FXIII Assays	
Homocysteine Assays	

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Blood Coagulation	
Services Available	
Other Programmes (cont.)	
FVIII Treatment Monitoring	
FIX Treatment Monitoring*	
Factor VIII Inhibitor Assay*	
Emicizumab Assays*	
HIT Screening/Assays*	
Molecular Genetics of Thrombophilia Testing (Factor V Leiden)	
Genetics of Heritable Bleeding and Thrombotic Disorders	
Point of Care Testing (POCT)	
Activated Clotting Time (ACT) for: Hemochron series ACT+, ACT-LR; i – Stat1, i – Stat Alinity	
INR for: CoaguChek XS, CoaguChek XS Plus, CoaguChek XS Pro & Pro II, Xprecia Stride, istat, LumiraDx	
D-Dimer for: Triage, Cobas H232	
Thromboelastometry for: Rotem Delta, Rotem Sigma	
Thromboelastography for: TEG & TEG6	

Blood Transfusion Laboratory Practice (BTLP)	
Services Available	
Fetomaternal Haemorrhage (FMH)	
FMH Screening	
FMH Quantification	
Point of Care D Typing (POCTD)	
RhD Typing	
Pre-Transfusion Testing (PTT)	
ABO & D Grouping	
Antibody Screening	
Antibody Identification	
Crossmatching	
Rh and K Phenotyping	
Antenatal Antibody Titration (ANT) (Pilot)	
Red Cell Antibody Titration	
Extended Red Cell Phenotyping (ERP) (Pilot)	
Various Blood Group Antigen Phenotyping	
Red Cell Genotyping (RCG) (Pilot)	
Genotyping and Predicted Red Cell Phenotype for Various Blood Groups	
Educational	
Training, Assessment and Competency Tool (TACT)	


Blood Transfusion Laboratory Practice (BTLP)	
Tel:	+44 (0) 192 358 7111
Website:	www.ukneqasbtlp.org 
Email:	btlp@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Services Available	
ABO Titration (ABOT)	
ABO Titration	
A ₁ Typing	
Direct Antiglobulin Testing (DAT)	
Detection of Cells Coated with IgG	
Detection of Cells Coated with C3d	

Haematology	
Tel:	+44 (0) 192 358 7111
Website:	www.ukneqas.org 
Email:	haem@ukneqas.org
Legal Entity:	West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Services Available	
Automated Counting & Related	
Automated Differential Leucocyte Count	
Blood Component Quality Monitoring	
Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate	
Full Blood Count	

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Haematology

Haematology
Services Available
Automated Counting & Related (cont.)
Haemoglobin only
Infectious Mononucleosis
Plasma Viscosity
POCT Haematology (Pilot)
Reticulocyte Count
Reticulocyte Haemoglobin Content (Pilot)
Haemoglobinopathies and Thalassaemia
Abnormal Haemoglobins
DNA Diagnostics for Haemoglobinopathies
Liquid Newborn Haemoglobinopathy Screening
Newborn Sickle Screening
Sickle Screening only
Morphology Related
Blood Films for Morphology
Blood Parasite Screening and Identification (Haematology)
Haemosiderin Staining
Manual WBC Differential Count
Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Malaria (Haematology)
Red Cell Enzymopathies
G6PD Screen and Assay
Pyruvate Kinase Assay (Pilot)
Educational
Digital Blood Film Morphology for CPD*


Leucocyte Immunophenotyping	
Tel:	+44 (0) 114 267 3600
Website:	www.ukneqasli.co.uk
Email:	admin@ukneqasli.co.uk 
Legal Entity:	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
Flow Cytometry	
CD34+ Stem Cell Enumeration	
Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Immunophenotyping (Pilot)	
Competency Assessment and Instrument Validation Panel for Immune Monitoring	
Haematological Malignancy Bone Marrow Aspirate Assessment (Pilot)	
Immune Monitoring	
Leukaemia Diagnostic Interpretation (Part 2)	
Leukaemia Immunophenotyping (Part 1)	
Low Level Leucocyte Enumeration	
Measurable Residual Disease for ALL by Flow Cytometry	
Measurable Residual Disease for AML by Flow Cytometry (Pilot)	
Measurable Residual Disease for CLL by Flow Cytometry (Pilot)	
Measurable Residual Disease for Plasma Cell Myeloma by Flow Cytometry (Pilot)	
Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria	
Molecular	
Myeloid Gene Panels (Pilot)	
BCR::ABL1 and AML Translocation Identification	
BCR::ABL1 Kinase Domain Variant (Mutation) Status	
BCR::ABL1 Major Quantification	
BCR::ABL1 Minor Quantification (Pilot)	
BRAF p.Val600Glu (V600E) Mutation Status for Hairy Cell Leukaemia	

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Leucocyte Immunophenotyping	
Services Available	
Molecular (cont.)	
Lymphoid Gene Panels (Pilot)	
FLT3 Mutation Status	
IG/TCR Clonality Status	
JAK2 p.Val617Phe (V617F) Mutation Status	
KIT p.Asp816Val (D816V) Mutation Status for Mast Cell Disease	
Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma/ Waldenström Macroglobulinemia (Pilot)	
Measurable Residual Disease for AML by Molecular Methods (Pilot)	
Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Diagnostic Testing (Pilot)	
NPM1 Mutation Status	
Paediatric Acute Leukaemia Translocations	
Post-Stem Cell Transplant Chimerism Monitoring	

Immunology

Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics	
Tel:	+44 (0) 144 3622 185
Website:	www.ukneqashandi.org.uk 
Email:	handi@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	Velindre University NHS Trust
Services Available	
Crossmatching by Flow Cytometry	
Cytotoxic Crossmatching	
DNA HLA Typing at 1st Field Resolution	
DNA HLA Typing to 2nd or 3rd Field Resolution	
Educational Cross Match	
Educational Interpretive Clinical Scenarios	
Educational Scheme	
HFE Typing	
HLA Antibody Detection	

Immunology

Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics	
Services Available (cont.)	
HLA Antibody Specificity Analysis	
HLA Genotyping for Coeliac and other HLA associated diseases	
HLA Phenotyping	
HLA-B*57:01 Typing for Drug Hypersensitivity	
HLA-B27 Testing	
HPA Antibody Detection/Specification	
HPA Genotyping	
Interpretative: HFE Genotype and Hereditary Haemochromatosis	
Interpretive HLA Genotype	
KIR Genotyping	

Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy (IIA)	
Tel:	+44 (0) 114 271 5715
Website:	www.immqas.org.uk 
Email:	immunology@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
Allergy and Immunodeficiency	
Allergen Component Testing	
Allergen Specific IgE	
Fungal & Related Antigens	
IgG Subclasses	
Specific Microbial Antibodies (Tetanus/HiB/ Pneumococcal antibodies)	
Total IgE	
Tryptase	
Autoimmunity	
Acetylcholine Receptor Antibodies	
ANCA/GBM Antibodies	
Antibodies to Nuclear and Related Antigens (ANA/DNA/ENA)	


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Immunology

Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy (IIA)
Services Available
Autoimmunity (cont.)
Bullous Dermatitis Antibodies
Coeliac Disease Antibodies
Diabetic Markers
Ganglioside Antibodies
General Autoimmune Serology (CCP/RF/TPO/TRAB/AMA/LKM/SMA/GPC)
Interferon Gamma Release Assays (Mycobacterium tuberculosis) IGRA TB
Myelin Associated Glycoprotein IgM Antibodies (MAG)
Myositis Associated Antibodies
NMDAR Antibodies (Pilot)
Paraneoplastic Antibodies
Phospholipase A2 Receptor Antibodies (PLA2R)
Phospholipid Antibodies
SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies
Digital
Cryoproteins (Pilot)
Digital ANA (Pilot)
Interpretative EQA (iEQA)*
Immunochemistry
Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) Isoenzymes
Alpha 1 Antitrypsin and Phenotype Identification
β 2 Microglobulin
C1 Esterase Inhibitor and Functional Complement Assays
C-Reactive Protein (CRP)
CSF Haem Pigments
CSF IgG Oligoclonal Bands
CSF Proteins and Biochemistry
CSF β 2 Transferrin/Beta Trace Protein
Interleukin-6 (IL-6)

Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy (IIA)
Services Available
Immunochemistry (cont.)
Point of Care CRP (Pilot)
Procalcitonin
Ultrasensitive C-Reactive Protein
Oncology
Monoclonal Protein Identification
Prostate Specific Antigen (Total and Free PSA)
Tumour Markers (CA125/CA199/CA153/NSE/CgA (Pilot))
Ultrasensitive PSA


Medical Microbiology

Microbiology	
Tel:	+44 (0) 208 905 9890
Website:	www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk 
Email:	organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk
Legal Entity:	UK Health Security Agency
Services Available	
Bacteriology	
AAFB Microscopy	
Antimicrobial Susceptibility	
Carbapenemase Producing Organisms (CPO)*	
Clostridioides difficile (previously Clostridium difficile)	
Community Medicine	
Faecal Pathogens	
General Bacteriology	
General Bacteriology & Antimicrobial Susceptibility	

Medical Microbiology

Microbiology
Services Available
Bacteriology (cont.)
Genital Pathogens
MRSA Screening
Mycobacteria Culture
Syphilis Serology
Urinary Antigens
Molecular
C. Trachomatis and N. Gonorrhoeae
CMV DNA Quantification
EBV DNA Quantification
HBV DNA Quantification
Hepatitis C RNA Detection
HIV 1 RNA Quantification
Molecular Detection Mycobacteria
Molecular Detection of HPV
Molecular Detection of Respiratory Viruses
Molecular Detection of SARS-CoV-2
Molecular Detection of Viruses in CSF
Respiratory Point of Care
Viral Gastroenteritis (also suitable for antigen testing)
Mycology
Antifungal Susceptibility
Cryptococcal Antigen Detection
Fungal Biomarkers
Mycology
Virology
Anti-HBs Detection
Blood Borne Viruses
Blood Donor Screen
Diagnostic Serology: Hepatitis Screen
Hepatitis B Serology
Hepatitis C Serology

Microbiology
Services Available
Virology (cont.)
Hepatitis E Detection
HIV Point of Care
HIV Serology
Immunity Screen
Measles and Mumps IgG Serology
Parvovirus B19 and Rubella Serology
Respiratory Rapid: RSV
Rubella IgG Serology
SARS-CoV2 Point of Care

Parasitology	
Tel:	+44 (0) 203 9081 371
Website:	www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk/parasitology 
Email:	parasite@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	UK Health Security Agency
Services Available	
Blood Parasitology	
Faecal Parasitology	
Malaria Rapid	
Molecular Detection of Faecal Parasites	
Molecular Diagnosis of Malaria	
Parasite Serology	
Teaching for Blood and Faecal Parasites	
Toxoplasma Serology	

Reproductive Science

Reproductive Science	
Tel:	+44 (0) 161 2766 456/437
Website:	
Email:	repscience@ukneqas.org.uk
Legal Entity:	Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Services Available	
Andrology: Semen Analysis (Sperm Motility, Concentration & Morphology)	
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Point of Care Testing (POCT)

UK NEQAS monitors, supports and educates non-laboratory trained operators to improve the quality of diagnostic test performance and interpretation of results. We offer external quality assessment (EQA) for POCT in the following areas:

Services Available	Provided By
Activated Clotting Time (ACT)	UK NEQAS Blood Coagulation
B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP)	UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers
Cardiac Troponin I	UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers
Cardiac Troponin T	UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers
CKMB	UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers
Clinical Chemistry	UK NEQAS Birmingham Quality
C-Reactive Protein (CRP)	UK NEQAS Immunology, Immunochemistry & Allergy (IIA)
Cryptococcal Antigen	UK NEQAS Microbiology
D-Dimer	UK NEQAS Blood Coagulation
D-Typing	UK NEQAS Blood Transfusion Laboratory Practice (BTLP)
Fungal Biomarkers	UK NEQAS Microbiology
Glycated Haemoglobins	UK NEQAS Birmingham Quality
Haemoglobin Only	UK NEQAS Haematology
HIV	UK NEQAS Microbiology
INR Testing (CoaguChek XS series, CoaguChek Pro II, Xprecia Stride, i-STAT, LumiraDx)	UK NEQAS Blood Coagulation
Malaria Rapid	UK NEQAS Parasitology
Molecular Detection of Respiratory Viruses	UK NEQAS Microbiology
Myoglobin	UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers
NT-pro BNP	UK NEQAS Cardiac Markers
Pregnancy Testing	UK NEQAS Edinburgh Peptide Hormones
Respiratory Rapid: RSV	UK NEQAS Microbiology
Thromboelastometry and Thromboelastography	UK NEQAS Blood Coagulation
Urinary Antigens	UK NEQAS Microbiology
Urine Dipsticks	UK NEQAS Birmingham Quality
Viral Gastroenteritis (also suitable for antigen testing)	UK NEQAS Microbiology

Pre- and Post-Analytical Quality Monitoring Service (PrepQ)

The control of pre- and post-analytical errors in diagnostic testing is recognised as a major contributor to the improvement in laboratory quality. Although the cause of many errors may be outside the laboratory, they waste resources and impair effective patient care.

The UK NEQAS response

UK NEQAS has developed a web-based pre- and post-analytical quality monitoring service (PrepQ), as an external comparison tool. This tool gives the laboratory the opportunity to collate and monitor the incidence of errors beyond the analytical phase against their peers.

Registering to PrepQ

Registration to the PrepQ monitoring service is flexible. It can be done by department, discipline, laboratory, hospital, or network, depending upon the individual participant's service arrangements. Regular monitoring periods allow the laboratory to return data at a frequency convenient to them against as many of the key assurance indicators as they are able to collect.

PrepQ is a web-based service

The PrepQ service is offered on a secure on-line basis through the UK NEQAS Results and Reports service. Participants submit the number of quality failures compared to the number of opportunities for failure in a given time period. Performance evaluation is reported using sigma metrics, allowing immediate benchmarking with the laboratory's peers.

Pre- and post-analytical case scenarios

PrepQ includes scenarios in pre- and post-analytical monitoring up to 4 times a year. The scenarios reflect current concerns in laboratory errors that originate outside the analytical phase. The responses are requested

in the form of multiple-choice questions and brief free-text comments, and the results are reported with a short expert commentary that can be used within the laboratory for education and service development.

Is PrepQ available in your area?

Yes. PrepQ is an international programme and is available to any participant in any UK NEQAS service.

PrepQ covers a wide range of disciplines, including Blood Sciences (Haematology, Clinical Chemistry, and Immunology), Microbiology and other specialised areas.

Schedule of Exercises

PrepQ offers a regular schedule of exercises, with generous data submission windows and rapid feedback to laboratories.

The current schedule allows data submission and reports on a monthly basis. Participants are alerted by email to opening and close dates.

Interested?

If you would like to know more about the PrepQ service, which is provided as a benefit of UK NEQAS membership, and how it could help your laboratory, please contact us on this email: prepq@ukneqas.org.uk or call us on +44 (0) 114 2611 689.

Participating Countries

UK NEQAS is the **world leading** provider of clinical laboratory External Quality Assessment (EQA)/ Proficiency Testing (PT) programmes. Below, and continued on page 19, is a list of countries currently participating in UK NEQAS EQA/PT.

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Austria	Ecuador	India
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Bangladesh	Equatorial Guinea	Iraq
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Belgium	Ethiopia	Isle of Man
Benin	F	Israel
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Canada	Germany	Kuwait
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Colombia	Greenland	Latvia
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Cote d'Ivoire	Guernsey	Liberia

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