

Date:23/02/2017

Dear Participant,

**Re: Changes at UKNEQAS ICC & ISH, changing financial arrangements and development of future services**

I am writing to let you know that the NHS Histopathology service housed at University College London (UCL) for many decades is now moving out and the UK NEQAS ICC & ISH Scheme will also be moving to a new host.

Discussions are currently underway with the proposed host and it is very likely that an agreement will be successfully concluded within the next few weeks. As soon as that agreement is finalised we will be writing again to let you know.

**VERY IMPORTANTLY**, and regardless of what our final hosting arrangements are, the financial arrangements for the UK NEQAS ICC & ISH Scheme will be changing with immediate effect and subscriptions will no longer be payable to UCL, but will be collected by:

**External Quality Assessment Services for Cancer Diagnostics CIC**

**External Quality Assessment Services for Cancer Diagnostics CIC** is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company that is wholly under the direction of UK NEQAS ICC & ISH the UK NEQAS Executive Board of Trustees

**Subscription forms will be emailed with new bank details shortly. In the meantime please ensure that all PURCHASE ORDERS should be raised to:**

**“EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES” and not UCL**

Our hosting changes will inevitably impact somewhat on the service while we are in transition by delaying some of the dispatch and return dates. The estimated dates for the dispatch and return for assessments is set out below, but may be subject to change during the transition phase.

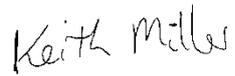
**1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2017– 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018 (RUN 118 – 121)**

<b><u>RUN</u></b>	<b><u>DISPATCH DATE</u></b>	<b><u>RETURN DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ASSESSMENTS DATE</u></b>
<b>118/47</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>03<sup>rd</sup> Jul – 28<sup>st</sup> July</b>
<b>119/48</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>02<sup>nd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>120/49</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>
<b>121/50</b>	<b>05<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>09<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>26<sup>st</sup> March - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>

Once the transfer has been completed, we will continue to offer the full repertoire of Modules that have been available previously and will enhancing the service by adding new ones. For example EQA for PD-L1, which is just about to complete its pre-pilot phase.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions related to the above. I will write again with an update on the new hosting arrangements as soon as the process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Keith Miller  
Scheme Director