



SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES FOR 2017-2018 EUROPEAN LABORATORIES

Terms and conditions

- **Invoices are raised by "University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust"**
[VAT registration no GB 654 9651 01]
- Bank account details for payment are shown on invoices; **settlement terms 30 days from date of invoice**
- Subscription charges for the new financial year are listed overleaf for Schemes operated from Birmingham
 - For 2017-2018 we are again giving **special discounts for groups of related schemes**, and also discounts for **all other schemes** when you register for the **Clinical Chemistry** Scheme.
 - Subsidiary participations** (up to 3 additional analysers **at the same site**) are charged at **50%** of the charge listed – for example a laboratory with two analysers registered for TDM analytes would pay only £498 rather than £664. There may be other discounts; please see below.
 - Charges cover the period **1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018**.
 - Charges to participants are **subject to VAT at 20% unless** you provide your full VAT registration number for us to include on your invoice.
 - Participation starting during the period is charged **above pro rata**, to cover additional administration.
 - No refunds** are given for termination during the period.
 - Participation is deemed to be continuous for 2017-2018** unless Birmingham Quality is advised of any discontinuation by 28 February 2017, and for 2018-2019 unless advised by 28 February 2018.
 - All services are 'paper-free'.

These notes describe the charge structure and the discounts available:

- The charges in **column A** in the table overleaf apply when no special discounts are applicable.
- If you register for **Clinical Chemistry**, a discount is applied to charges for **all** other Schemes registered for the same laboratory code. These charges are shown in **column B**.
- If you register for **all four schemes** in the **Chemistry special package**, the charges for these Schemes are given in **column C**
- If you register for **Hormone special package** (Thyroid Hormones **and** one or more Steroid Hormone analytes), the charges for these two Schemes are given in **column D** if you do **not** register for Clinical Chemistry, but in **column E** if you **do** register for Clinical Chemistry.
- All discounts are **also applicable** to **subsidiary participations**.
- Discounts are **not** applied to the Interpretative Comments scheme.

Services

- UK NEQAS Schemes are accredited by UKAS to ISO/IEC 17043:2010.
- Our schedule as UKAS accredited proficiency testing provider No. 7860 is available at www.ukas.com.
- Pilot Schemes and non-UK NEQAS Services are clearly identified.
- There is no additional charge for our Network Reports service, which is available to those responsible for multiple instrument participations, at the same or different sites. Though Free of Charge (FOC), you must contact us to set these up for you.
- We shall be offering new Pilot Schemes during the year, and all eligible participants will be informed.
- Though we may need to charge for some of these new services, any charges will be dealt with separately so you should not delay providing us with an order for the existing services.
- We can offer courier delivery of our specimens. This service can use your account or our account, but there are associated costs and there is a minimum duration.
- We will always send out repeat specimens for the current distribution FOC if you have issues before the closing date but we reserve the right to charge for multiple sets of back specimens for trouble-shooting or evaluation purposes.

Please email us to request further quotation information if you are considering major changes to your participation



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Subscription charges for the new financial year are listed below for Schemes operated from Birmingham

Chemistry special package	A	B	C
Clinical Chemistry	£714	£714	£643
Lipid Investigations ①	£428	£385	£346
Urine Chemistries	£596	£537	£483
GFR Estimation	£371	£334	£301

* if the Chemistry special package does not apply

Hormone special package	A	D	E
Thyroid Hormones	£714	£643	£579
Steroid Hormones ② - 1 analyte	£360	£324	£292
Steroid Hormones - 2 analytes	£563	£506	£456
Steroid Hormones - 3 analytes	£816	£734	£661
Steroid Hormones - 4 analytes	£1,058	£952	£857
Steroid Hormones - 5 analytes	£1,288	£1,159	£1,043
Steroid Hormones - 6 analytes	£1,508	£1,357	£1,221
Steroid Hormones - 7 analytes	£1,710	£1,539	£1,385
Steroid Hormones - 8 analytes	£1,901	£1,711	£1,540
Steroid Hormones - 9 analytes	£2,093	£1,883	£1,695
Steroid Hormones - 10 analytes	£2,250	£2,025	£1,823
Steroid Hormones - 11 analytes	£2,419	£2,177	£1,959
Steroid Hormones - 12 analytes	£2,531	£2,278	£2,050

UK NEQAS for Interpretative ③
Comment in Clinical Chemistry

	A
Individual participation	£135
Group participation	£343

Birmingham Quality Schemes ④

	A	B
Point of Care Chemistry	£422	£380
Health Checks	£113	£101

Other Pilots will come on-line during 2017 and there may be a charge for those

Other Schemes	A	B
Haematinics ⑤	£641	£577
Erythropoietin	£332	£299
Holotranscobalamin	£332	£299
Intrinsic Factor Antibodies	£354	£319
Glycated Haemoglobins ④	£557	£501
Fructosamine ④	£557	£501
Specific Proteins	£422	£380
Tox and TDM [Tox analytes] ⑤	£332	£299
Tox and TDM [TDM analytes] ⑤	£332	£299
Newborn Screening	£1,727	£1,554
Neonatal Screening (PKU & TSH)	£591	£532
Paediatric Bilirubin	£394	£354
Quantitative Phenylalanine	£394	£354
Sweat Testing	£371	£334
Urinary Orotic Acid	£332	£299
Urinary Catecholamines	£371	£334
Urine Dipsticks ⑥	£248	£223
Thyroglobulin	£371	£334
Vitamin Assays ⑦	£332	£299
Cholinesterase Investigations	£478	£430
Lead & Cadmium in Blood	£523	£471
Faecal Markers of Inflammation	£613	£552
Faecal Haemoglobin (FOB/FIT)	£281	£253
Colorectal Cancer Screening	£90	
Antibiotics ⑧	charged by analyte	
1 analyte	£349	£314
2 or 3 analytes	£371	£334
4 or more analytes	£394	£354
Antifungals ⑧	£371	£334
Immunosuppressants [Pilot]	charged by analyte	
1 or 2 analytes	£371	£334
3 analytes	£506	£456
4 or more analytes	£675	£608
Serum Indices (HIL) [Pilot]	£270	£243
Faecal Pancreatic Elastase [Pilot]	£394	£354

① Lipid Investigations service may include occasional provision of data from fresh single-donor specimens.

② Steroid Hormones is charged by analyte - cortisol (serum), cortisol (urine), 17OH-progesterone, progesterone, oestradiol, oestradiol (high level), testosterone (male), testosterone (female), SHBG, androstenedione, DHAS and aldosterone. Free Testosterone [Pilot analyte] does NOT count as an analyte for the purposes of this charging table and is Free of Charge.

③ Haematinic Assays service includes vitamin B12, folate, ferritin and red cell folate.

④ Fructosamine is Free of Charge if you belong to the Glycated Haemoglobins Scheme.

⑤ Tox and TDM - Tox analytes service includes salicylate, paracetamol and ethanol.

Tox and TDM - TDM analytes service includes carbamazepine, digoxin, lithium, phenobarbital, phenytoin, theophylline, valproate, primidone, ethosuximide, lamotrigine, caffeine and methotrexate.

⑥ There are heavily reduced rates for large-scale Hub-and-Spoke services where you have more than 5 spokes. Please contact us for a quotation.

⑦ Vitamin Assays service includes carotenes, vitamins A & E.

⑧ Antibiotics and Antifungals are running in partnership with our colleagues in Bristol and we are intending that these services become ISO 17043 accredited under the Birmingham Quality Schedule.

⑨ Interpretative Comments is intended for individual participation, but group participation is permitted - one person registers on behalf of the group, a single collective comment is entered and a single report is provided. No discounts are applicable.

⑩ These Birmingham Quality Schemes are fully ISO 17043 accredited; please contact us for further details.



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Birmingham Quality terms and conditions of EQA participation

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[1] The UK National External Quality Assessment Services (UK NEQAS) for Clinical Chemistry and for Haematinics and other EQA services, herein known as the Scheme, are hosted by University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHBFT) and operated through Birmingham Quality.

[2] Samples distributed as part of the Scheme should be treated, handled and disposed of as if they were clinical specimens. Participants must ensure that their laboratory facilities and expertise are adequate to ensure the safe handling of these specimens during their participation in the Scheme.

[3] Membership of the Scheme starts on 1st April each year and continues until 31st March in the next year. If a participant joins part way through the annual period, a reduced fee may be payable reflecting the proportion of the annual service to be supplied for that part year. A participant may withdraw from the Scheme at any time, but no refund will be given of fees paid. Birmingham Quality may amend the design of Schemes during the year, and reserves the right to suspend services which are dependent on supply of clinical materials.

[4] Each laboratory will be registered under a unique code number, which is common across UK NEQAS centres in the case of UK NEQAS services. The fact of participation, identifiable raw data and identifiable performance scores are confidential to the participant and will not be released by the Scheme Organiser to third parties other than under any agreed and defined mechanism for providing counselling to 'poor performers'. All participants offering a direct or indirect clinical service in the UK are subject to the Joint Working Group for Quality Assessment in Pathology's Conditions of EQA Scheme Participation. Participants are free to share information concerning their own individual participation or performance with individual clients without consultation (but not for advertising).

[5] All reports, and the data they contain, issued by the Scheme are Copyright and may not be distributed, published or used for promotion in any form without permission of the Scheme Organiser.

[6] In the event of a participant failing to pay the membership fee by the due date the Scheme Organiser reserves the right to terminate, without notice, the membership of that participant without prejudice to any claim for payment for services already provided.

[7] UHBFT and Birmingham Quality shall not be liable in any circumstances for indirect or consequential loss howsoever caused, including, without limitation, loss of anticipated profits, goodwill, reputation, business receipts or contracts, or losses or expenses resulting from third party claims.

[8] Participants in the Scheme have entire responsibility for all samples distributed to them under the Scheme and all activities carried out by them or any third party in relation to the samples from the time of their receipt.

[9] UHBFT and Birmingham Quality warrant that all work carried out by it in relation to the Scheme will be carried out using all reasonable care and skill. All conditions, terms and warranties implied by common law, statute or otherwise are, to the extent permitted by law, hereby excluded.

[10] The liability of UHBFT and Birmingham Quality to the participant in any annual period resulting from or in connection with the provision of the Scheme by UHBFT and Birmingham Quality to the participant shall under no circumstances exceed the amount of the annual fee paid by the participant in respect of that annual period.

[11] These conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, and UHBFT and the participant submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.