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Subscription charges for 2018-2019 for UK Public and Private Sector 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 2018-2019 we have simplified our pricing structure. We have absorbed costs and have enhanced our services and believe we are still offering a great value-for-money service
 - ❑ You get a 10% discount 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
 - ❑ Charges cover the period **1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019**.
 - ❑ Charges to participants are **subject to VAT at 20% unless** you are an NHS body in England.
 - ❑ 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 2018-2019** unless Birmingham Quality is advised of any discontinuation by 28 February 2018, and for 2019-2020 unless advised by 28 February 2019.
 - ❑ All services are 'paper-free'.

If you register for our flagship UK NEQAS for Clinical Chemistry you are entitled to a discount of 10% off the price of all other Birmingham Quality specimen-based Schemes

Discounts

- 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**.
- 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 are rolling out direct computer-to-computer transfer of results via the **NPEX** system. We already have some Laboratories up and running but, due to the not unexpected demand, NPEX and ourselves are having to place Laboratories into a waiting list before they can be switched on. Please contact us if you are interested. This time saving innovation is currently **Free of Charge (FOC)**.
- 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.

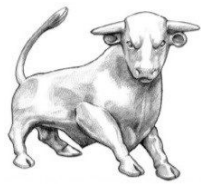
Please email us to request further quotation information if you are considering major changes to your participation



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Table with columns: Scheme, A, B. Lists various clinical chemistry and screening schemes with their respective charges for two categories (A and B).

Table with columns: Scheme/Analytes, A, B. Lists steroid hormones, immunosuppressants, and interpretative comments with their respective charges.

These Schemes are available across the British Isles but may not be available in all countries. Please check with us if your method and geography are compatible with the Scheme Specimen Matrix. 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 [an Accredited analyte] does NOT count as an analyte for the purposes of this charging table and is Free of Charge. Haematric Assays service includes vitamin B12, folate, ferritin and red cell folate. Fructosamine is Free of Charge if you belong to the Glycated Haemoglobins Scheme. 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.

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. Vitamin Assays service includes carotenes, vitamins A & E. Antibiotics and Antifungals are run in partnership with our colleagues in Bristol; these services are ISO 17043 accredited under the Birmingham Quality Schedule. 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. These Birmingham Quality Schemes are fully ISO 17043 accredited; please contact us for further details.

Antibiotics, Antifungals, Faecal Pancreatic Elastase, Immunosuppressants and Serum Indices have been ISO 17043 Accredited since November 2017.

Vitamin D is new for 2018 and is already ISO 17043 Accredited. All listed Schemes are ISO 17043 Accredited.

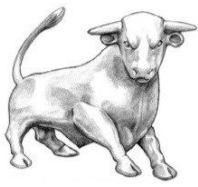
We no longer offer an EQA for Urinary Orotic Acid or for Cholinesterase.



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Birmingham Quality terms and conditions of EQA participation

[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.



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