



# Birmingham Quality News



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Happy New Year! – we are looking forward to  
working with you in 2025 😊

## What have we been up to?

- It may have been our Christmas break, but we have been busy!
- We plan to pilot an EQA Scheme on Pre-Analytical processes for manual techniques. You are invited to participate in a [UK NEQAS Survey on Quality Management of Pre-Analytical Processes](#). Please see <https://forms.office.com/e/NvY3wzvuyZ>
- We are planning to launch our 2025 pan-Chemistry benchmarking survey very soon for [Measurement Uncertainty](#), watch out for an email!

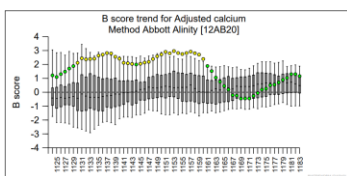
## Scheme Updates:

- We are introducing [Bone Markers](#) as part of our Specimen Exchange Programme. Please contact us if you are interested in Serum P1NP, Serum Bone ALP, Serum Osteocalcin and Plasma CTx. Specimens will be dispatched with the UK NEQAS for Vitamin D specimens, but bimonthly.
- We have had our second distribution of the [UK NEQAS for Ammonia Scheme](#). We are really pleased with the results! Our Extension to Scope Assessment to ISO/IEC 17043:2023 with UKAS is in a few weeks!
- Distribution 215 of the [UK NEQAS for Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease Scheme](#) reported on drip arm samples and AKI, please take a look at your report and the commentary.

## EQA Nuggets:



Do you understand the Seismograph plot?



Your traffic light B-Score, over time, overlaid on box and whisker plots for your method.

## You may have missed:

### UKKA AKI Report

The UK Kidney Association (UKKA) has published a new report with 24 actionable recommendations to tackle AKI, a significant system-wide safety risk!

<https://bit.ly/4g8nFcj>