



# Birmingham Quality News



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## UK NEQAS Clinical Chemistry

UK NEQAS Clinical Chemistry meetings 2025

01.05.25 – London ●  
09.05.25 – Manchester ●  
19.06.25 – Edinburgh ●  
12.09.25 – Dublin ●

### Why EQA is important for Patient Safety: Showing where EQA has made a difference

Further information and registration

<https://birminghamquality.org.uk/education/meetings/>



Welcome to Sarah Davies, joining us as Principal Clinical Scientist and Scheme Manager

#### Scheme Updates:

- UK NEQAS for Clinical Chemistry Distribution 1190 is the last fortnightly distribution for those participants that have moved to the UK NEQAS for Monthly Clinical Chemistry from 2025–2026.
- We are implementing GIRFT Pathology Recommendation 13, demonstrating 'How EQA data can be used to support better clinical outcomes'. At UK NEQAS for Clinical Chemistry Distribution 1190 and UK NEQAS for Monthly Clinical Chemistry Distribution 191 we are looking at calcium, albumin and adjusted calcium. We encourage you to read the flyer with your specimens and take part!
- Please look at your UK NEQAS for Steroid Hormones report for Distribution 527. There is significant variation in the interpretation of Short Synacthen test results!! What are the laboratories going to do about this?

#### EQA Nuggets:

Please see the following Position Paper for a rationale of the Scheme design used within the UK NEQAS Clinical Chemistry division



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#### You may have missed:

##### Bone Markers

This is now available at Birmingham Quality. This scheme is free of charge if you are a participant of the UK NEQAS for Vitamin D Scheme, or for 2025/26 we are offering for shipping costs only.

Please contact us if you are interested in Serum P1NP, Serum Bone ALP, Serum Osteocalcin and Plasma CTx.