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What have we been up to?

- We want to encourage everyone to join the ["Getting it right for the patient, are we good enough?"](#) Joint Webinar being held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 between 10:00 and 13:00. It will include speakers from GIRFT Pathology, Bedfordshire Hospitals and both [Birmingham Quality](#) and Weqas.
- Thanks to everyone who has attended a UK NEQAS Clinical Chemistry Division Roadshows; it has been great meeting and talking to you all! We will now be reviewing all feedback.
- We have been having many discussions around — **The missing piece: Who is responsible for ensuring clinical chemistry assays used in the UK are fit for purpose?** Access available at <https://doi.org/10.1177/00045632251367288> and the wider Pathology landscape.
- Birmingham Quality presented at both the Laboratory Medicine's Leader Summit on The Missing Link in the Governance Process — *and there could never have been a more timely time to do it* - and at the IBMS Congress itself on AKI. A good week all round.



Scheme Updates:

- We have emailed a series of letters to participants using Abbott, Beckman, Roche and Siemens assays. These mainly relate to assays which from our data do not meet our performance criteria. If you have not received this email, and you think you should, then please contact us ASAP.
- If you are no longer a participant within one of our Schemes, we will be removing your access to your reports after 12 months. Please see Birmingham Quality website for more information.
- **It's a KFRE month!** If you are calculating **KFRE** please submit your results at [Distribution 224](#) of the UK NEQAS for Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease Scheme.

EQA Nuggets:

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



Click QR code for access to document



You may have missed:

If you return results via BQ-NPEx or plan to use Labgnostic EQA, please note that **you are still required to log into the Results and Reports portal for Scheme elements that will not be automated**, including any questions. These are part of our Scheme Design and are not optional. Our T&Cs have been updated to reflect this.