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What have we been up to?

- We now have over 1000 registrations for the “Getting it right for the patient, are we good enough?” Joint Webinar which will be held on Tuesday 11 November 2025. It will include speakers from GIRFT Pathology, Bedfordshire Hospitals and both [Birmingham Quality](#) and Weqas. Unfortunately, we have had to close registrations as we are at our limit, but this does show how important the laboratory community thinks this topic is.

Scheme Updates:

- Following review of the [UK NEQAS Monthly Clinical Chemistry](#) Scheme, we have decided that this scheme provides the best balance between robust data for analytical performance and effective resource deployment to manage any performance issues identified. As such, we will only be offering a monthly Clinical Chemistry Scheme in 2026 – 2027. Further information on this decision can be found at <https://birminghamquality.org.uk/eqa-programmes/mgen/>
- In order to minimise manual intervention and reduce the risk of non-analytical errors for participants registered for [FIB-4](#) on [BQ-NPEX](#), we have now fixed the Sex (Male) and Date of Birth (02/01/1985) of the patient demographics for our [BQ-NPEX](#) participants. The Date of Birth will be updated each January to maintain a consistent age of 40 years.
- Birmingham Quality will be launching urinalysis readers as a method option in the [UK NEQAS for Urine Dipsticks](#) scheme from January 2026 (Distribution 226). If you are a participant in the scheme and are using a urinalysis reader, please complete this form so that we can update your method information: <https://forms.office.com/e/61PVqjGXrq>. If you are not currently a participant but are interested in joining the scheme, please email us for further information.

EQA Nuggets:

We are still amazed that people are unaware of the ‘Green’ Education Button and the ‘Red’ Dashboard Button on the Results & Reports website. These are really useful features!

Results and Reports :

Lab Dashboard

[UK NEQAS Birmingham \[Homepage\]](#)

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You may have missed:

The missing piece: Who is responsible for ensuring clinical chemistry assays used in the UK are fit for purpose?

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