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Royal Mail Postal Strike – August 2022

Dear Colleagues

To avoid any problems that might occur with a Royal Mail Postal Strike, we are putting back the following schemes and distributions by one calendar week.

Hopefully the impact of any strike will be negligible, but we think it is prudent to make this change and so we are informing you of our intentions in good time.

This will impact you even if you receive your specimens by courier; the whole Distribution for everyone is being moved by one week.

Just to re-iterate, this will also impact our overseas Distributors who receive their specimens from us by Courier.

Scheme / Programme	Code	Dist	Old dispatch	New Dispatch	New Close
UK NEQAS for Glycated Haemoglobins	GHB	470	Wed 17 August 2022 week 33 B	Thurs 1 st September 2022 week 35 X	Mon 12 September 2022 Week 37 A
UK NEQAS for Fructosamine	FRX	167	Wed 17 August 2022 week 33 B	Thurs 1 st September 2022 week 35 X	Mon 12 September 2022 Week 37 A
Birmingham Quality POCT Suite Health Checks Q2 quarterly	PCS21	127	Wed 17 August 2022 week 33 B	Thurs 1 st September 2022 week 35 X	Mon 12 September 2022 Week 37 A
Birmingham Quality POCT Suite Diabetes M2 monthly	PCS02	133	Wed 17 August 2022 week 33 B	Thurs 1 st September 2022 week 35 X	Mon 12 September 2022 Week 37 A
Birmingham Quality POCT Suite Creatinine M2 monthly	PCS07	119	Wed 17 August 2022 week 33 B	Thurs 1 st September 2022 week 35 X	Mon 12 September 2022 Week 37 A

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

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Birmingham Quality provides primarily UK NEQAS services and is a UKAS accredited proficiency testing provider No. 7860.

Please see the schedule for full details of the accreditation status of our schemes. Birmingham Quality is part of the NHS. It is based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and is part of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust.