

Pathology News

Laboratory Edition – February 2015

Innovation & Service User Feedback



This initiative is designed to ensure that all internal, wider hospital staff and service users can feedback into the pathology quality system on a continuous basis. Feedback can consist of:

- Comments on ways to improve our service
- Innovations to suggest
- Commenting on things that we do well

We will start by sending out this feedback form to our GP Practices and then slowly roll it out to all our service users. All comments received will enter our continuous quality improvement system.

Legend: Karen Gregory "slicing" in the Histopathology lab

Pathology & MMH Option Appraisal

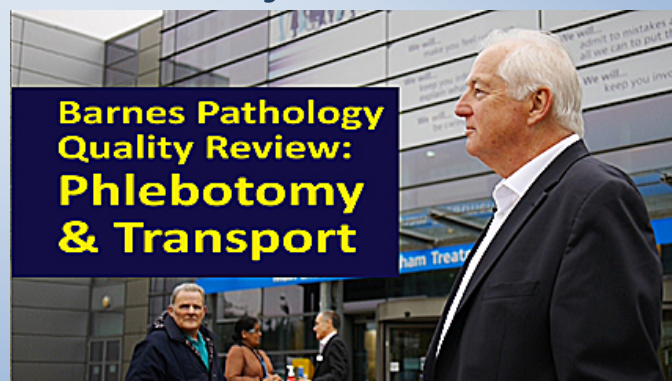
An option appraisal is being undertaken to look at how Pathology will sit with the new hospital when it opens in 2018.

The options being considered include:

- Retained estate at Sandwell
- New build at Sandwell site
- New build on land with adjacency to MMH at Grove Lane
- Retained land at City Hospital; or other undisclosed sites

To help with this work we are again working with the South African process engineering company, LTS.

Barnes Quality Review 2nd in the Series



In this episode Ian emphasises the importance of pre-analytical factors. We go out with a Pathology sample collection van to GP practices. Click on the thumbnail on the electronic copy to view the video.

UKAS Assessment Postponed

UKAS have informed us that the assessments planned for the first 3 weeks in March have had to be postponed due to lack of assessors. We look forward to hearing the revised dates, which we expect to be later this year.

We should very much be "business as usual" coming up to UKAS inspections. There is no need for staff to postpone annual leave as UKAS very much expect to see a normal functioning laboratory when they visit.

Birmingham Great Run 2015

Now is the time to enter the corporate Pathology Team for the October half Marathon! Download the form **here** on the electronic version or see copies on noticeboards. Completed forms to be returned by 1st March 2015. Contact rajvindergarcha@nhs.net for further details.