

Pathology News

Laboratory Edition – November 2014

Changes in Pathology...

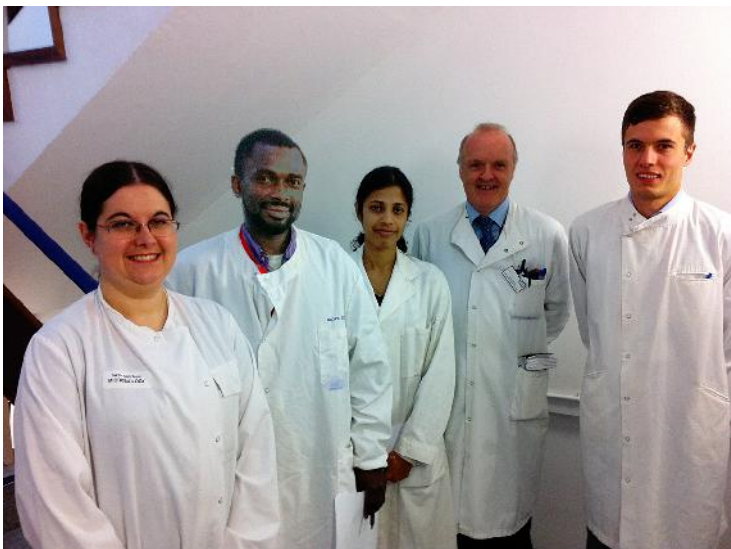
The emphasis in workforce reconfiguration at SWBH NHS Trust includes some changes that are going to take place in our Pathology environment. The key changes that are currently being planned and taken forward include:

Restructuring Pathology IT – Staff currently working in several pathology disciplines will be moving into general pathology IT. We will be training new staff within departments to take on more IT roles to facilitate this process. Once appointments have been made we will report the new structure in Pathology News.

Blood Sciences Management – We will be moving to a single manager for our Haematology and Biochemistry Department. Again once processes are complete this will be detailed in Pathology News.

UKAS Assessments – We still await the dates for our first round of assessments by UKAS. Assessors are currently being contacted and it is likely that the assessments will take place now in early 2015. Thanks to everyone who is working so hard to ensure that all areas of Pathology is up to speed with regard to the forthcoming UKAS visits.

New Trainee Staff in Haematology



Alice Mapley, Enock Asiedu-amponsah, Usha Jenarthanam, and Aaron Smith being shown round by Gary Stanton
(Second from right)

SWBH City Assays at EuroLabFocus



We had a stand at the European meeting at Liverpool October 2014.

Here we met a lot of the current users of our specialist services.

There was a particular emphasis on the stand on our new drugs methods which include the measurement of legal highs.

Loretta Ford gave a presentation at the meeting. A YouTube video has now been produced of this talk which you can view here:



Fit Path Lab

We continue with our emphasis on Pathology staff being encouraged to look at their own general fitness and wellbeing. Interestingly, the Department of Health has recently put a lot of emphasis on Health Organisations and Employees leading the way with aspects of personal health.

Fit Path lab currently includes the following activities:

- Walking
- Weekly park run
- At present we meet to do the Brueton park run in Solihull this takes place every Saturday at 09:00.

Several Pathology staff undertook the Birmingham half marathon again this year.

Corporate Entry for 2015 for Birmingham Half Marathon

On Sunday 18th October 2015

We are considering a team for the 2015 Birmingham Half Marathon. Fit Path lab is prepared to pay the entry cost for all staff that are prepared to commit to the Birmingham half marathon at this stage. If you would like to consider doing this then the benefits will be:

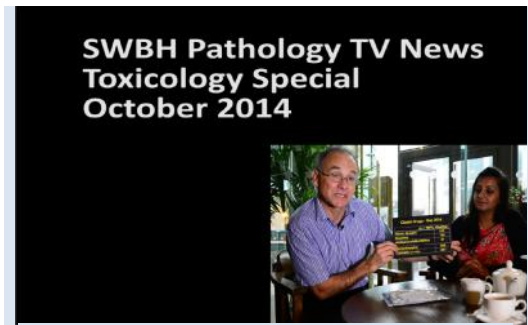
- A Fit Path lab training programme to ensure success in the 2015 half marathon
- Entry Fee of £35 paid for you by Pathology
- A group training plan starting at 32 weeks (after the New Year) and 12 weeks before the marathon.

If you would like to be entered for this email Raj at rajvindergarcha@nhs.net



Pathology You Tube Update

We have continued to gain knowledge and expertise in the use of our [SWBH Pathology You Tube Channel](#). Pathology staff will be interested to review the following:



Sandwell Tea Room Photo Competition

You will remember that we started a photo competition for the Sandwell tea room. Well..... only two pictures are up so far.

We are now open for more entries. Send your high res jpegs to Raj at rajvindergarcha@nhs.net

Pathology Christmas Party Friday 12th December 2014

Chung Ying Karaoke did not meet with everybody's approval! Instead we meet at the German Markets at 6pm followed by a meal to be booked once numbers are confirmed. There will be notices on all staff boards so please put your name down if you are interested.

