

Notes from the Pathology User Group Meeting

Date of meeting: 27 th September 2016 @ 13:30hrs.	
Held at: Norcot Room, South Block, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT)	
Present: ; Dave Asplin (DA), Quality Manager, RBFT; Ann Halford (AH), Central Services Manager; RBFT Mark Sleeman, Clinical Scientist, Biochemistry, RBFT; Michelle Jennings, Manager, Brookside; Helen Paige, GP, Balmore Park; Louise West, Practice Manager, Bell Surgery; Lucy Steward, Phelbotomy, WBCH; Nick Markert, GP, Tilehurst Surgery.	
Apologies: Phillip Haynes, Partner, Brookside; Carole Jenner, Practice Nurse, Chapel Row/ Newbury PBC; Angela Slattery, Eastfield Surgery; Nicola Brock, GP, Parkside Family Practice; ; Maria Harris, Phlebotomist, Chapel Row Surgery; Jo Spicer, Pathology Liaison, Wallingford Medical Practice; Jane Boyd, HCA, Hart Surgery.	
Notes	Action
The notes from the last meeting were agreed.	
Pricing on ICE This is awaiting agreement on banded prices with the commissioning groups however, with the ongoing pathology reconfiguration, this will be delayed whilst the new pathology service reviews/ consolidates its systems..	CCGs/ RBFT/ BSPS
Clinical Governance No trends or major changes in unlabelled/ mislabelled samples from surgeries. Any clinical governance issues that arise, please pass to Dave Asplin, Quality Manager to resolve. No other clinical governance issues were raised.	
Quality & Service issues The pathology handbook is now available on the internet so all our users can access:- http://pathology.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/ When the new lab IT system is in place, clinical details will be available on the report. This system is on course to be implemented within the next few months. When we receive multiple request forms with the same order number, we have to sort and manually input which is causing problems and will not viable with the increase in work (especially with the reconfiguration). In the future it may be necessary to have a new order number for a new test. Our LIMS supplier is looking at a “reorder” facility to cover this. Further notification will be given prior to any implementation. We had notification of a problem with an EMIS system incorrectly mapping a cytology result. This results in HPV status reported as “HPV – Human Papillovirus test positive (4K3D) – free text – negative”. Other systems can also be mapped incorrectly. We are experiencing some unusual delays which have been linked to patient histology	

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<p>samples (or the sample containers) being stored in the fridge or cold. Note these samples and blood samples (or their containers) must not be stored in the cold.</p>	
<p>Topic of the Day <u>Pathology reconfiguration –</u> An update was given on the ongoing work concerning a Berkshire/ Surrey pathology service. To summarise, the pathology services of the Royal Berks, Heatherwood & Wexham, Frimley, Guildford and Asford St Peters hospitals are being covered by the new partnership providing pathology for Surrey, Berkshire and South Oxfordshire. Users should see a minimal difference in service provided and it is hoped that, longer term, we can provide an enhanced service. For example, transport runs will remain as they are for now and requests and resulting will be via the ICE system. The specimen drop off point is still there and manned as now (if late and urgent, it would be useful to phone the lab so the sample can be picked up ASAP). Contact names, numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same. Users were thanked for their comments on the quality of service presently provided. For urgent samples, please use the urgent flag on ICE when ordering. Work has started in earnest on consolidation of services and the test platforms to ensure compatibility. This will result in some changes to sample containers. These will be detailed to all users and adequate stocks available prior to introduction. For initial information, the first changes are likely to be microbiology urines. These will be red topped rather than green (still containing preservative/ boric acid). Collection pots will be supplied with these (samples shown at meeting). Blood bottles will be from a different supplier and there will be no yellow topped. Red topped will be used although they have a yellow insert in the top. More information to follow. As stated above, a new LIMS/ IT system is being implemented. This is a commercial system being used successfully by Wexham Park. It has several advantages such as being able to flag abnormal microbiology results. Also the GP gateway will be archived and replaced by the ICE system. Consumable ordering should become electronic with the partnership. This will be an improvement of the copy and fax system presently in use. An electronic system is in use at our partner site at Frimley for information.</p>	
<p>Any other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A discussion was held as to the future of these meetings and it was requested by attendees that they continue in a similar format if possible as they are useful. 2. No other issues were raised and the meeting was brought to a close. 	
<p>Date of next meeting TBA. DA to send out possible dates for the next meeting and go with the majority vote.</p>	<p>DA</p>

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