

Annual Report for Royal College of Pathologists' Cellular Pathology National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel Individual Based Interpretive EQA Schemes

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Section 1

Information that will be made available on the College Website:

<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/committees/nqaap.html>

Name of EQA Scheme	Scotland and Northern Ireland EQA Scheme in General Histopathology
<i>Report date</i>	14/01/2020
<i>Report for the year</i>	2019
<i>Website of the Scheme</i>	http://www.pathology.scot.nhs.uk/resources/pathologists-eqa/
<i>Contact email for enquiries about scheme membership*</i>	linda.mcdonald3@nhs.net jim.ramsay@nhs.net
<i>Current number of scheme members</i>	121 full members and 8 trainees.
<i>Brief summary of scope of scheme for website (max 100 words)</i>	Ours is a general histopathology scheme and our participants are based in Scotland and Northern Ireland and undertake a range of practice from general to specialised reporting. We continue to circulate 10 general cases for evaluation and 4 special educational cases, twice a year.

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Section 2: Overview annual report

This information will be sent to the NQAAP panel members one month before the spring meeting, and also forwarded to all Scheme Organisers before the autumn annual plenary meeting.

Please include any new developments, issues or problems encountered, which may be of interest to other scheme organisers.

Name of Scheme Organiser	Dr. Geraldine O'Dowd Department of Pathology Monklands Hospital, AIRDRIE ML6 0JS
E-mail address of Organiser	geraldine.o'dowd@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
Is there a waiting list to join this scheme?	No
Please indicate whether you use glass slides, digital slides or both.	Glass slides

Comments on the operation of the scheme during the year

<p>The Scheme continues to attract consistent support from diagnostic histopathologists in Scotland (\approx 89 participants) and Northern Ireland (\approx 32 participants).</p> <p>There has been one critical incident and one complaint recorded by the scheme in the last 12 months. The complaint was from a participant with regard to the selection of cases for Circulation 48.</p> <p>The critical incident involved the dispatch of incorrect slides within Circulation 49, which was quickly dealt with and resolved.</p> <p>The Quality Manager of the scheme plans to retire in July 2020.</p> <p>Following a full assessment visit by UKAS in April 2019, our scheme maintains full UKAS accreditation.</p> <p>The scheme organiser's time is included in the job plan, as is that of the Data Manager.</p> <p>All of the scheme SOP's are available on the SPAN webpage at: http://www.pathology.scot.nhs.uk/resources/pathologists-ega/</p>

Section 3: Detailed annual report on scheme operation

This is confidential to the NQAAP panel members, and will be circulated one month before the Spring meeting.

Name of Scheme Organiser	Dr. Geraldine O'Dowd Department of Pathology Monklands Hospital, AIRDRIE ML6 0JS
E-mail address of Organiser	geraldine.o'dowd@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
Telephone number(s)	
UKAS accreditation status	Fully accredited
Subscription fee	£250 for non Scottish participants
Arrangements for scheme organiser's time	Meetings as required
Is this included in their job plan?	Yes

Results for each circulation: (copy table if required for more than 2 circulations per year):

Round Number	48	
Number participants in round (excluding trainees)	115	
Number of registered participants (excluding trainees)	129	
Number of cases circulated (excluding educational/special interest)	10	
Number of cases used for scoring	10	
Date of review meeting	26/03/2019	
Number of participants at review meeting	15	
Number of participants in bottom 2.5% / 3% / other (please specify)	4 in bottom 2.5%	
Number of participants reaching 1 st action point	1	
Number participants reaching 2 nd action point	0	

Round Number	49	
Number participants in round (excluding trainees)	109	
Number of registered participants (excluding trainees)	122	
Number of cases circulated (excluding educational/special interest)	10	
Number of cases used for scoring	10	
Date of review meeting	01/11/2019	
Number of participants at review meeting	12	
Number of participants in bottom 2.5% / 3% / other (please specify)	4 in bottom 2.5%	
Number of participants reaching 1 st action point	1	
Number participants reaching 2 nd action point	0	