

Interactive BIA CSC November 2015 Infection Diagnostic Services; Learning Experiences of Laboratory Centralisation & Mergers

It is a challenging time for infection services and the re-alignment of laboratories within this. We are keen to garner more information about what has gone well and what has gone less well with the “transformation / networking” of microbiology labs and we welcome you to this interactive forum.

Building on the papers published in the RCPATH Bulletin (January 2015) we have put together this questionnaire to monitor progress so far. We would be grateful of your participation and associated feedback in this short survey which we hope will enable us to consider any lessons learned or highlight and review any alternative methods used. Responses are anonymous in all instances.

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1. What is your current role?

- Consultant Medical Microbiologist/Virologist Trainee
- ID or Micro/ID or Virol/ID Other
- Academic

2. Please indicate the region your responses represent:

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Other - Europe outside UK or Non-European

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3. Which of the following applies to your primary place of work?

- a) a teaching hospital with on-site microbiology laboratory facilities
- b) a district general hospital with on-site microbiology laboratory facilities
- c) a teaching hospital without on-site microbiology laboratory facilities
- d) a district general hospital without on-site microbiology laboratory facilities
- e) None of the above apply

4. Have you or your hospital undertaken centralisation/merger of diagnostic laboratory services?

- Yes
- No

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5. In your opinion what has been the impact of laboratory centralisation/merger for your organisation on:

	Worse	Same	Better
a) personal workload impact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) specimen turnaround times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) quality of diagnostic service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) cost savings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) hospital infection control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) length of in-patient stays	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) availability for clinical advice provision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) laboratory staff morale	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) personal job experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) training of future infection consultants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k) ability to recruit consultants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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6. In your opinion, do you think laboratory centralisation compromises care in the organisation (select the option closest to your view)

- a) Without on-site microbiology laboratory facilities primarily
- b) With on-site microbiology laboratory facilities primarily
- c) Neither
- d) Both equally

7. Do you work in a hospital where a decision has been made to reinstate a previously closed laboratory?

If yes and if you are happy to discuss further please approach the organisers of this session directly.

- Yes
- No

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Thank you

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