Black Country Pathology Services

PS Newsletter

Staff edition | October 2019

BCPS speciality clinical leads

Over the last few months, interviews for the specialist clinical leads have taken place. Now that these appointments have been made, we can take forward the different components of our Black Country Pathology Services. This will not only fulfil key markers of the timeline in our business plan but also use a joined up approach.



Dr Helen AshbyBCPS Biochemistry
Clinical Lead



Dr Malini BholeBCPS Immunology
Clinical Lead



Dr Dragana CvijanBCPS Cellular Pathology
Clinical Lead



Dr Donald DobieBCPS Microbiology
Clinical Lead



Mr Pervaz Mohammed BCPS Specialist Services Clinical Lead



Dr Shivan Pancham BCPS Haematology Clinical Lead



Dr Craig Taylor BCPS Transfusion Clinical Lead

Q - Pulse testing: up and running

The new Q-pulse quality management software will be rolled out by December 2019 across all BCPS laboratories. It is currently being tested with the aim that a single quality system will be in place to populate and take forward.

Microbiology - collaborative working

During extensive maintenance work with the CL₃ lab at City, all TB work was transferred to the Microbiology laboratory at the hub. This gave staff an opportunity to integrate and work together positively. Staff have shared best practice and different methods of working. Now that work is complete, TB testing will resume back at

Due to its success, Serology testing will be transferred to the hub earlier than planned.

Unity go-live



The new EPR system, Cerner Unity for SWBH includes a whole new interface for Pathology. This went live over the weekend of 21st -22nd September. Thanks to all staff that put in so much effort ensuring that this went as smoothly as possible. Key Pathology IT staff were also onsite for the go- live weekend. There were some issues that are shown in the table below.

What is wrong	What we are doing
Only one barcode for blood cultures	Two barcodes now printed
Samples not marked as collected	Revised document submitted to be distributed to all Trust staff
Add ons not requested correctly	New document submitted to be distributed to all Trust staff
Barcode labels wrapped around samples	Printers to be installed in sample reception areas to enable reprinting of barcodes
No printed form received	Printers to be installed in appropriate areas to enable reprinting of forms
Coagulation analyser not reading all	Audit in place to identify extent of issue

The system is still taking shape but the end result will see many benefits.

Science in the park

The BCPS Service managers and other staff spent a day in the Wolverhampton science park. They met for a first group meeting to look at key areas to address and take forward.



BCPS cytology service

We are proud to announce that RWT Cytology has successfully gone live on the new WinPath Enterprise Laboratory System.

Congratulations to the Cytology, IT and CliniSys teams for all their hard work, building and testing the system prior to go-live. This is not only a big step for the Cytology service but also proves that we have a functional centralised LIMS. Histology went live on 23rd September and we are hoping for a similar success story to report. Well done all for this very encouraging start to our service consolidation journey!

Education academy innovation awards

Staff gathered together in the summer to celebrate teams and individuals with a dedication to learning and a passion for education. A total of 32 awards were given out by different faculties within The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's Education Academy, recognising excellence within undergraduate education, postgraduate studies and much more.

Congratulations to all the winners.



Charlotte Pearsall, Biochemistry MLA Apprentice



Chloe Harding, Microbiology MLA Apprentice



Maria Gannon, Biochemistry MLA Apprentice

BBTS specialist certificate



Congratulations and well done to Krupa Bhalodia & Lynne Williams, for completing their British Blood Transfusion Society's (BBTS) specialist certificate in Transfusion Science Practice. This is a distance learning qualification at master's level that is accredited by the University of Manchester.

50 years' service

Congratulations to Daphne Blackford, a Biomedical Scientist who has been working in our Haematology laboratory at Dudley for 50 years. Daphne worked at the Corbett and Guest Hospital laboratories before they became 'The Dudley Group'.



New appointment

Vikki Banton has been appointed as the Deputy BCPS Quality Manager, to work alongside Katy New.