

Blood Component Monitoring Pilot Exercise Survey 1403CM

Dispatch Date: Tuesday 7th October 2014

ANALYSIS DATE: Friday 10th October 2014

Return Results by: 5pm; Tuesday 14th October 2014

1.0 Exercise Package

The survey package includes the following specimens:-

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| 1. 1403CM1 | 3. 1403CM3 |
| 2. 1403CM2 | 4. 1403CM4 |

A full package comprises a white postal bag, containing documentation and a plastic specimen holder, consisting of a transparent side holding glass vials of survey material and an absorbent side that will absorb up to 50ml of liquid, i.e. the entire contents of the package in the event of a breakage of all the vials.

Note: Repeat specimens may be requested by telephone: +44 (0)1923 217878.

2.0 Information required for Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

This information is printed on a separate information sheet and should be reviewed by your COSHH assessor for consideration of any changes necessary to your local work practices. The information given for the Full Blood Count Distribution material is applicable to the specimens in this exercise.

3.0 Use of packaged material

This material is for use in External Quality Assessment Surveys to assess laboratory performance.

4.0 Survey 1403CM

This survey contains four specimens **1403CM1**, **1403CM2**, **1403CM3** and **1403CM4**.

Specimens **1403CM1** and **1403CM2** are for haemoglobin and PCV (Hct) estimation and **1403CM3** and **1403CM4** are for platelet estimation only.

**** Please note Haemoglobin results are now reported as g/L**

Test by the registered instrument(s) indicated on the result sheet and report on the modified UK NEQAS (H) Form 3.

Specimen handling and disposal

- On receipt, vials should be stored at **room temperature** until tested.
- **Mix the vials by inverting 10 times by hand** before allowing the material to mix for 10 minutes on a roller or similar mixer before testing.
- The material should be handled and discarded as potentially infectious patient material

5.0 Return of results

The Participant Reference Number for each instrument is pre-printed on the form. Please enter your figures clearly, one to a box, using black ink.

If you find the specimen quality unsatisfactory, tick the 'unsatisfactory' box and note details in the Comment box.

Return results, preferably by fax to **+44 (0)1923 217879** using a header sheet giving your PRN and the number of sheets sent by **5pm Tuesday 14th October 2014**. The address for returning by post (First Class Mail) is given on the results sheet.