

ESNEFT Service Improvement

New Equipment at Ipswich Cellular Pathology

Dear Colleagues, Clinicians and Healthcare Professionals,

The Cellular Pathology Department at Ipswich Hospital has recently secured replacement of the department's slide staining equipment.

This is used to produce diagnostic Haematoxylin & Eosin (H&E) slides which are performed for all patient histology samples, enabling pathologists to provide patient diagnosis.

This new equipment will offer improved reliability, greater consistency of staining quality and resilience of the service. Obtaining this new equipment will maximise the diagnostic capacity of histology samples processed within the department.

Following a procurement process, the department has safeguarded that the new equipment is robustly verified, clinically approved, and that staff are trained and ready to commence. The department plans to begin using this new equipment the week beginning 14 June 2021.

We wanted to take this opportunity to communicate this change to our users. We are pleased to announce that department is now following the required UKAS 'Extension to scope' process to include this equipment within our accreditation scope to ISO 15189.

Whilst this routine process is undertaken to completion by UKAS, our H&E stain will become temporarily unaccredited; we would like to confirm that this does **not** affect the wider laboratory accreditation currently held nor impact any further tests that are processed. We would like to stress this is an entirely routine process in the event of such new equipment.

We would like to also further assure that no impact to users, provision of results or patient diagnosis is anticipated as a result of this implementation

Please do not hesitate to direct enquiries to the Ipswich Cellular Pathology Laboratory Managers if you have any concerns or would like any further information on the details below:

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Yours faithfully

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