



### **Medical Editor for UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (SMIs) in Virology:**

Due to the considerable workload we are looking for a second medical editor to edit UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (UK SMIs) for virology. The post is an honorary appointment with a three year term of office (extendable where appropriate).

UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (UK SMIs) are a comprehensive referenced collection of recommended algorithms and procedures for clinical microbiology. They consist of:

- Syndromic algorithms, the overarching framework to which other UK SMIs relate, describe the investigations chosen at the pre-analytical (clinical syndrome) stage.
- Recommended investigations for microbiology including minimum testing algorithms for virology (analytical and post analytical).
- Clinical guidance covering the clinical background, differential diagnosis, and appropriate investigation of particular clinical conditions.
- Quality guidance describing essential laboratory methodologies to underpin quality eg assay validation

The UK SMIs are developed in line with the Appraisal of Guidelines Research & Evaluation (AGREE) instrument <http://www.agreetrust.org/resource-centre/agree-ii/> used for NICE accreditation.

We are seeking applicants from members of British Infection Association. Applicants will have experience in editing scientific literature and currently working within clinical microbiology. Applicants will be expected to have an understanding of clinical or medical microbiology and the ability to provide editing across a wide range of diagnostic microbiology. Applicants should be able to demonstrate the ability to edit a number of UK SMIs to tight deadlines. The editor will work directly with the Standards Unit team.

The job description and person specification are attached for further information. For background information please access the following [link](#).

If you would like to speak to a member of the team to discuss this post please call on tel: 0208 327 6478. Applications should be submitted to [standards@phe.gov.uk](mailto:standards@phe.gov.uk) by the **15<sup>th</sup> February 2019** and should include a covering letter and curriculum vitae.

Sent on behalf of,  
UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations Steering Committee.