

## BIA/CSC Laboratory Centralisation Questionnaire 2015

Thank you for taking a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire.

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

Responses are anonymous in all instances.

If you would be interested in joining future discussion groups on this or related topics please do email [BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk) with your contact details.

### 1. What is your current role?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Consultant Microbiologist | <input type="radio"/> Clinical Scientist |
| <input type="radio"/> Consultant Virologist     | <input type="radio"/> Trainee            |
| <input type="radio"/> Consultant ID             | <input type="radio"/> Associate          |
| <input type="radio"/> Consultant Micro/ID       | <input type="radio"/> Other              |
| <input type="radio"/> Academic                  |  |

Other (please specify)

### \* 2. Has your Trust ever taken part in planning centralised laboratory services?

- Yes
- No

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**3. If you have been involved in laboratory centralisation planning -  
which of the following applies to your CURRENT situation?**

**(If more than one response applies, please answer according to the specific situation applicable today)**

- a) Process completed
- b) Process in progress but not currently merged with any other laboratory organisation
- c) Plans initiated regarding laboratory merger but unsuccessful and not currently involved in merger process  
(please use the comments box for any relevant feedback)

Comments please If none of the above or if unsuccessful

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### 4. How long was the Trust involved in the merger planning before it was abandoned?

- Less than 3 months
- between 3 & 6 months
- between 6 & 12 months
- More than a 12 months - please specify

If more than 12 months please indicate

### 5. Do you think the merger planning process and subsequent abandonment incurred considerable cost elements to your organisation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Other feedback (please specify)

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**6. How long ago did the laboratory merger occur for your organisation?**

- a) not applicable - no merger has taken place
- b) within the last 12 months
- c) within last 2 years
- d) more than 2 years ago

If more than 2 years (please specify)

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### 7. Which of the following applies for your organisation?

- a) I work on a hospital site with microbiology laboratory facilities
- b) I work on a hospital site without microbiology laboratory facilities

Please specify if neither of the above apply

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### 8. In your opinion what has been the impact of laboratory centralisation for your organisation on:

Please select

a) personal workload impact

b) specimen turnaround times

c) quality impact

d) cost savings

e) infection control

f) in-patient stays

g) availability for clinical advice provision

h) laboratory staff morale

i) personal job experience

Please indicate any other outcomes (good or bad) which were a result of merger discussions, whether or not the merger proceeded?

### 9. Can you provide tangible evidence for any of the above impacts?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If yes please comment



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**10. In your opinion, do you think laboratory centralisation compromises the organisation without microbiology laboratory facilities?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Any other feedback (please specify)



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**11. Do you think issues can be addressed to overcome the potential disadvantages of a hospital Trust not having microbiology facilities on site?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**12. Would you be interested in attending a study day in the future on "Microbiology Laboratory Centralisation" to explore national experience, trouble-shooting issues and lessons learnt?**

- Yes (please provide contact details to [BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk))
- No