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**MRD for Plasma Cell Myeloma by Flow Cytometry** - UK NEQAS LI have ongoing issues sourcing patient samples for this programme. If you are able to provide samples, please contact **admin@ukneqasli.co.uk** and we would be happy to organise consent and shipping. As a result of this, 2024 - 2025 rounds in this programme may be electronic or sample based.

**Changes to flow cytometric MRD programmes** - Following the successful redesign of the MRD for Plasma Cell Myeloma and MRD for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia by Flow Cytometry programmes, we will continue to roll these changes out to the other flow cytometry MRD programmes in 2024 - 2025. These changes will include the ability to add and save antibody panels for future use and also the capture of additional fluorochrome and clone information to facilitate troubleshooting.

**Changes to Leukaemia Diagnostic Interpretation programme** - The uptake of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Health Organization Classification of Haematolymphoid Tumours: Myeloid and Histiocytic/Dendritic Neoplasm and the International Consensus Classification of Myeloid Neoplasms and Acute Leukemias: integrating morphologic, clinical, and genomic data are currently being assessed in the Leukaemia Diagnostic Interpretation programme. Pending the findings, changes will be made to the programme to reflect current practice.

**Update to ISO 17043:2023** - An update to the ISO 17043 standards, to which EQA/ PT providers are accredited, was released in May 2023. There are major new sections on impartiality, risk and information management. EQA/PT providers have a three-year transition window to show compliance to the new standards. UK NEQAS LI is currently performing a gap analysis to identify areas where additional work will be required to demonstrate compliance in 2024 - 2025.

#### SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL INFORMATION ON ALL OF THE ABOVE CHANGES

Should you wish to participate in any of the above programmes please contact:

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Please note that if your participation with UK NEQAS LI is via a non-UK distributor you should contact them directly for details of how to register.

If you are enquiring from outside of the UK your registration will be managed by EQA International Ltd.