

# Point of Care Testing – What has that got to do with me?

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Firstly, hear Dr Sarah Glover, Consultant Clinical Biochemist & POCT Clinical Lead from Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust talk about her departments experience in achieving ISO accreditation for point of care testing.

Followed by an interactive workshop co-ordinated by Charlie Houston, Laboratory Sector Manager (Specialist / POCT), NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and Mairiead MacLennan, NHS Fife.

The workshop will explore the experience of colleagues in establishing and maintaining quality standards in POCT. The recent transition of CPA to UKAS was completed in March 2018. MHRA guidance is that any site providing POCT should be accredited insofar as their laboratory accreditation ISO 15189 is extended in scope to cover POCT services – covered by ISO 22870. POCT has the capacity to both depress the demands on the central laboratory (if it is done reliably), or increase and duplicate that demand (if it is done unreliably). Colleagues across Scotland are considering the ramifications of these changes. Come and contribute to the national response to making POCT consistent, safe and effective.

What you think the top challenge is in a reliable POCT system?
What would you like to see happen nationally to address the challenges that you have heard about around POC delivery?
If national policy was developed, what should it cover?
If a national POC co-ordinators group was established, what would you like to see it do?
What does the POCT environment look like within each board across Scotland?
What approach would services find supportive and useful to ensure consistency and to avoid duplication of effort
Is the preferred approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Collectively across disciplines across Scotland</li><li>· Collectively within disciplines across Scotland</li><li>· Collectively across disciplines within boards</li></ul>