

# BCPS Newsletter

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## BCPS one year on...



BCPS senior managers and human resources have been holding staff engagement events to celebrate the one year anniversary of Black Country Pathology Services being formed. The aim of the sessions are for senior managers to give updates to staff on what has been achieved over the last year and confirm the plans for the forthcoming year. Staff can provide feedback on what works well, what could work better and how we can continue to make the service the best it can be. The events at New Cross and Russell's Hall Hospital have been well attended, further sessions are taking place on 5th, 6th and 7th November at the remaining sites.

Feedback will be reviewed following these sessions and a summary of actions produced. NHS staff survey feedback will also be monitored in order to make long term plans. If you haven't already completed it you are encouraged to do so.

### IT updates

Both RWT Histology and Black Country Pathology Services have successfully gone live with the new laboratory system Winpath Enterprise. This is a massive step forward for the organisation and showcases not only the centralised IT LIMS system but the effective and professional partnership established across our consolidated services, in the provision of best in class Pathology for our patients.

Histopathology, Pathology IT, ICT department, Project team and CliniSys have made tremendous efforts in setting up the new LIMS and met all deadlines, ensuring that the go live process is as smooth as possible. This is an excellent start to our journey for the delivery of all BCPS pathology services in 2020.

### Specialist portfolio



Congratulations and well done to Racheal Winwood from immunology at SWBH for completing her Clinical Immunology specialist portfolio.

### Congratulations

Well done to Rachel Winter and Azhar Hussain from microbiology at Walsall. Rachel has gained her IBMS Certificate of Achievement Part I and Azhar has achieved a distinction for his MSc in Clinical & Molecular Microbiology at the University of Nottingham.



## Mission accomplished



The Cellular pathology teams last day at Walsall, before transfer of services to the hub at Wolverhampton on 7th October.

Rita Mistry, Cellular pathology discipline lead said:

*"This is an exciting beginning for everyone: we boldly go where no one has gone before!"*

## Biomedical scientist training day



A training day for BCPS trainees was held last month in the Anne Gibson Board room at City Hospital. The event was well attended and had a huge benefit for the trainees and helped them in the completion of their generic portfolio. Pervaz Mohammed (Clinical lead for specialist services) opened the session explaining the importance and needs of BMS training and the evidence required for generic portfolio. Shelley Feaver (HR manager) delivered a talk on Equality and Diversity, Nicola Harris (RWT training lead) provided some examples of completed sections with evidence and Noman Manzoor (SWBH Pathology Informatics Manger) presented the importance of data handling.

## Retirement wishes



With a total of over 80 years NHS service, Microbiology would like to thank and send good wishes to Ian Parker and Hasmukh Mistry who both retire in November. Both gentlemen have passed on their expertise to many within Microbiology, they will be greatly missed.

## Digital Pathology



Exciting times are ahead for Digital Pathology here at BCPS.

As one of the leading laboratories in the Country for innovation, we have been working in collaboration with WMCA to embrace digitalization of pathology.

Digital Pathology is a dynamic image based environment that enables the acquisition and management and interpretation of pathology information generated from a digitized glass slide.

This allows collaboration to improve services and speed up diagnostic turnaround times. This technological innovation will streamline case management and communication among the entire care team.

The procurement process is taking shape and a decision to award will be made by March 2020.

## New appointments in clinical chemistry



**Nirav Patel**

*Operational Manager at RWT*

**Nazir Ahmed**

*Operational Manager at SWBH*

**Waqqas Usmani**

*Operational Manager at Dudley*