

Expression of interest for an expert on antimicrobial susceptibility and resistance mechanisms of bacteria for the United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service (UK NEQAS) for Microbiology EQA schemes

UK NEQAS are looking to appoint additional members to the antimicrobial susceptibility testing specialist advisory group (ASTSAG). We are inviting applications from the following groups:

- (a) Medically qualified clinical microbiologist
- (b) Clinical scientist specialising in antimicrobial susceptibility and resistance mechanisms
- (c) Senior biomedical scientist specialising in antimicrobial susceptibility and resistance mechanisms

The ASTSAG members are independent experts that advise UK NEQAS on the antimicrobial susceptibility scheme.

About membership to ASTSAG

The members of ASTSAG will be practicing experts in the field of antimicrobial susceptibility and will provide advice on formulation and delivery of the External Quality Assessment (EQA) for laboratories in the UK and worldwide. The ASTSAG member will also need to work collaboratively with the chair, the scheme organiser and manager to provide strategic and technical advice and help with responses to challenges on EQA.

Members of the ASTSAG have equally important roles in contributing to the group's discussion and advice, and his or her independence must be beyond question. The member should not be employed by, or receive personal remuneration from industrial organisations or pressure groups that can have an impact or influence on EQA delivery during his or her term of appointment.

Membership of ASTSAG is an honorary position without a salary, but reasonable travel expenses for attendance of meetings can be claimed.

There is one half day meeting per year, held in May, with occasional advisory work necessary by correspondence throughout a year.

About UK NEQAS Microbiology Division

The Microbiology division (<http://www.ukneqasmicro.org.uk>) of United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Service (UK NEQAS) was established in 1971 providing external quality assessment service in the field of Microbiology.

It forms part of UK NEQAS, (<https://ukneqas.org.uk>) a not for profit consortium of EQA providers in the UK. The income generated by participant subscriptions is used to for the delivery of schemes the participants subscribe to and for the development of new EQA schemes for the interest of patients.

How to apply

If you are interested in joining ASTSAG, please send your current CV and covering letter indicating why you would be suitable for this position to Jennifer Henderson.

Closing date: 30th September 2021

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