

Distribution frequency change for UK NEQAS CMV DNA quantification and EBV DNA quantification EQA schemes

Dear Participant / Distributor,

In the last few years, the participation rate for the UK NEQAS CMV DNA quantification and EBV DNA quantification EQA schemes has changed as a result of laboratory consolidations and changes in clinical practice and patient management.

As a result, these schemes are becoming difficult to run within operational costs. In order to ensure that both schemes are as competitive as before, we have decided to reduce the frequency of distributions without compromising on quality and increasing cost.

The number of distributions will be reduced from 3 to 2 and the cost will be pro-rated for 2 distributions. The number of specimens in each distribution will remain unchanged to 2 specimens per distributions.

We hope that this change in distribution frequency will not have any impact on your EQA participation and your accreditation needs.

If you do have any questions and concerns, please feel free to contact us by email: organiser@ukneqasmicro.org.uk.

Thank you for your understanding and usual support.

With best wishes

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