

## CPA Response to Lord Carter's Report

The second phase of Lord Carter's report was recently published and may be downloaded from:

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_091986](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_091986)

The report makes recommendations for both CPA and the accreditation of pathology laboratories.

Additionally the Department of Health has published a response to Lord Carter's report (which may be downloaded from the above website). This response also refers to CPA and accreditation.

CPA (UK) Ltd welcomes the publication of Lord Carter's "Second phase of the Independent Review of NHS Pathology Services in England" and also the response of the Department of Health to the report. Both Lord Carter's report and the Department of Health response make several references to CPA, the accreditation process and the standards used in accreditation. At present CPA (UK) Ltd has established a working group Chaired by Sir Duncan Nichol to review the future structure of CPA and how it can best respond to the recommendations of the Carter Report. It is expected that the working group will report back by the end of the first quarter of 2009.

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