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Welcome

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Overview

- CPA Central Office relocation
- Changing the decision making process
- New Professional Committee structure
- Standards – the future
 - ISO 17043
 - POCT
 - ISO 15189

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CPA Central Office relocation

- Announcement made to the staff in March
- 3 month consultation process
- Lease will finish in March 2011
- Office will relocate
- Further announcement in June
- Please respect the staff privacy

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Changing the decision making process

- Not to change for change sake
- Has to be compliant with ISO 17011
- Need to future proof the succession planning
- Improve the turnaround times
- Consider the UKAS model

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Changing the decision making process

- Currently all decisions are joint decisions between Accreditation Managers and PAC
- TAT are improving but could be better
- Not ideal as we do not “home grow” decision makers
- Eventually will lead to inconsistency

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Changing the decision making process

Proposal

- Leave a recommendation on site
- Laboratory can get on with the report
- Responses to findings immediate
- Straight forward decisions made by the decision maker
- More complex decisions made with PAC

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Changing the decision making process

Proposal

- PAC meet regularly by conference call – or similar – as a committee for complex issues
- Decision makers may be discipline specific, may be generic ?
- Home grow from pool of peer assessors, regional assessors and PAC members

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Changing the decision making process

Proposal

- Timescale within the next 6 – 8 months

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New Professional Committee structure

Why reform ?

- Need a platform to take on some of the duties of the old CPA Board
- Consider longer term of office for consistency
- Fit in with the new decision making process

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New Professional Committee structure

Proposal

- Create a structure which effectively has 3 tiers
– 4 on occasion
- UKAS Board
- Clinical Advisory Committee
- Professional Advisory Committee
- Ad Hoc discipline specific committees

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New Professional Committee structure

Clinical Advisory Committee

- Members will be invited by CPA and appointed by CEO
- Interview for appointment
- Have an understanding of, and interest in, accreditation and its strategic development
- In future will be selected members of the new PAC

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Clinical Advisory Committee

- Advise UKAS Board via CEO on policy for CPA
- Advise on accreditation strategy
- Not intended to have any financial input
- Deal with appeals
- Form ad hoc discipline specific committees to advise on assessment process

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Professional Advisory Committee

- Members will be recruited by advertisement in the professional journals and appointed by CEO
- Interview and references for appointment
- Have an understanding of, and interest in, accreditation and assessment process

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Professional Advisory Committee

- Participate in decision making
- Review peer assessor applications
- May participate in the ad hoc discipline specific groups
- “Meet” frequently by conference call

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New Professional Committee structure

Timescale

- Clinical committee will be established over the next couple of months
- For first committee will be current or past PAC members
- PAC members will be asked to remain until the term of office is completed
- No requirement at present for a specific committee

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Standards – the future

- ISO 17043
- CPA POCT
- ISO 15189

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ISO 17043

- DH asked CPA to undertake accreditation of EQA in 1997
- ISO 17043 first international standard for EQA/PT providers
- Standard published in March
- CPA/UKAS will work together to introduce this into the UK for medical laboratory EQA schemes

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ISO 17043

- The transition arrangements for CPA EQA providers are still being developed.
- Some issues have already been agreed and are being implemented

Agreement

- CPA will not update the current standard
- Existing accredited providers can apply for transition once arrangements are in place
- UKAS and CPA will work closely to effect the transfer

Agreement

- Training will be provided for peer assessors
- Assessments will be managed by UKAS using CPA resources
- Providers not wishing to transfer will remain with CPA for a defined time
- CPA accredited providers will be asked about their interest within the next month

Agreement

- Introduction of flexible scopes
- Providers are advised to undertake a gap analysis with the new standard
- Implementation should be at the beginning of 2011
- Accreditation will be granted at a given time to avoid discrimination

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CPA POCT

- New CPA standard based on ISO 22870
- Used in conjunction with CPA medical laboratory standards
- Gap analysis took some time now agreed
- Start accepting applications from May 2010
- Applicants will be required to purchase the international standard

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CPA POCT

- Departments already accredited as satellites of medical laboratories will transfer to this standard at the next assessment
- Intended for use with hospital managed POCT
- UKAS have similar arrangement for the high street and pharmacies etc

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ISO 15189

- The next revision of ISO 15189 is due to be published in 2012
- Agreed that CPA will not update the current standard
- To prepare laboratories for the change there will be a slow transition
- Project plan starting as of now

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ISO 15189

How does the project look ?

- CPA and UKAS working together throughout
- Carry out a gap analysis during current visits
- Identify areas to concentrate effort
- Feasibility study for transition
- Determine timescales

How does the project look ?

- Phased plan to transfer CPA accredited labs by focusing on the gaps at assessment
- Interim self assessment information will be used
- Communicate plans to stakeholders
- Training of all assessors
- CB managing the project

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- Will all stakeholders be in favour ?
- Will all medical laboratories benefit from the transfer ?
- It will provide international recognition of the accreditation status
- It will keep UK Laboratories at forefront

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Peer assessment

- At the heart of the process
- As UKAS continue to further develop in Healthcare accreditation the intention is to continue with the CPA model for assessment

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Conclusion

- Aim of the developments is to deliver the CPA model into UKAS
- To gain accreditation to ISO 17011
- To be part of the EA MRA
- To maintain the peer assessment process
- To keep fees as low as possible

Afternoon Session

Separate Groups

