### UK NEQAS Morphology focus (short)

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### Content

- 1. Performance assessment update (and reassurance)
- 2. The digital CPD scheme (death and re-birth notice)

### Performance assessment for glass slides

- The glass-slide scheme is laboratory based (530 labs worldwide)
  Five features plus and (optional) diagnosis. Expert feedback
- 2. Viewed traditionally as "educational" with performance evaluation left to the individual laboratory

Wide range of approaches encouraged - "consequence free" aside from individual embarrassment

3. UKAS now mandate an element of assessment

## The pros and cons of assessment

#### CONS:

Fear of failure: Change the way laboratories view and perform the blood film examination or even participate

Will it change the information participants expect?

#### **PROS:**

Comparison with other laboratories – challenging (but reassuring) Focus on important findings!

### How will it be done, when will it be done?

#### 1. Shadow assessment:

Technical and approach hurdles (poster section)

#### 2. Two phase assessment:

Peer-group consensus: five features Expert view and "truth": Essential elements to a report

#### 3. Will I fail?

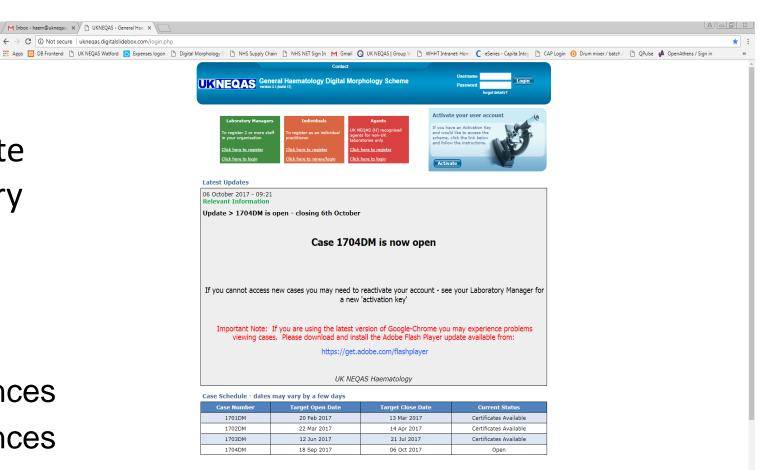
We hope to maintain the ethos of education and internal validation –it will be possible to fall outside expectations, but aim is a cumulative view

# **Digital CPD**

16 Countries 55 cases published to date More than 280 Laboratory accounts

Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year –

- 2008 1564 licences
- 2013 2343 licences
- 2017 3009 licences



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### The death of digital CPD (as we presently have)

Leica-SlidePath "End of life notice"

FLASH based, no longer part of core product range

Need to move to a new system – no immediate threat, but increasing financial penalty to continue – aim to finish August/September 2018

### The Certus solution

- 1. Keep the good: Image, annotation, certificate
- 2. Improve the clunky: Administrator/user interface, decision tree
- 3. Enhance outputs (intent): peer-peer comparison
- 4. Improve flexibility (future): back cases, (other image based systems), malaria, links, device agnostic

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