UK NEQAS Morphology focus (short)

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

Performance assessment for glass slides

1. 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

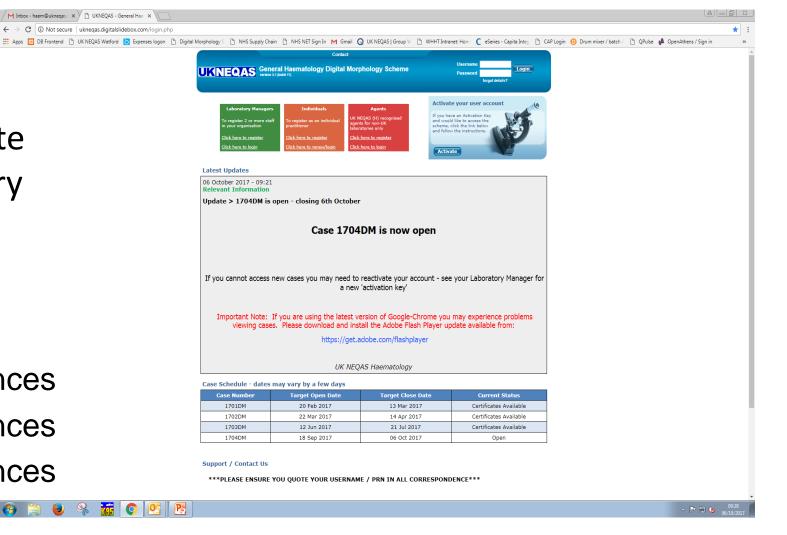
16 Countries 55 cases published to date More than 280 Laboratory accounts

Now in its 9th year –

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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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