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Institute of Biomedical Science launch updated benchmark© quality management guidance

The Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) has published the first in a series of benchmark© guidance documents for pathology services.

The recently updated IBMS benchmark© document, Guidance on Quality Management in Laboratories, provides guidance on quality management for those responsible for the management and delivery of laboratory services.

IBMS Deputy Chief Executive, Sarah May CSci FIBMS welcomed the launch of the latest addition to the IBMS benchmark© series:

"We recognise the importance of a strong quality culture in delivering a safe, professional service and endeavour to provide clear and relevant support to our members with a responsibility for quality through our IBMS guidance and events. The IBMS sets professional standards and standards of best practice and in order to better support laboratory Quality Managers in their role, we have updated one of our key guidance documents: Institute Guidance on Quality Management in Laboratories.

We appreciate that Quality Managers play a key role in the delivery of accredited laboratory services. In recognition of this we have also developed a micro conference within this year’s IBMS Congress devoted entirely to quality issues."

The IBMS sets professional standards and standards of best practice to support and inform commissioners, managers and staff in delivering high quality, safe pathology services. The Institute’s benchmark© guidance series provides impartial, professional expertise; offering laboratory managers a benchmark for ensuring a total quality system exists in their laboratory and enabling service directors and commissioners to determine whether their service is meeting the recommended professional and quality standards that will enable the delivery of a safe and efficient pathology service.

The Institute will be providing copies of the Institute Guidance on Quality Management in Laboratories benchmark© guidance document to laboratory Quality Managers over the coming weeks.

Copies of Guidance on Quality Management in Laboratories, can be requested by emailing mail@ibms.org or downloaded from the Professional Guidance section of the IBMS website.

For further information on the IBMS Congress Quality Conference please visit www.ibms.org/congressquality.

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Editor’s notes:

The Institute of Biomedical Science is the professional body for biomedical scientists in the United Kingdom. With over 20,000 members it aims to promote and develop the role of biomedical science within healthcare to deliver the best possible service for patient care and safety. www.ibms.org

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