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Target Audience:  
All MIs in HSE

### **QUALITY CONTROL OF BLOOD LEAD ANALYSES**

This OM provides a list of laboratories that have agreed to make their quality control performance known to HSE, and are available to perform blood lead analyses.

- 1 Laboratories who have made their performance in the UK National External Quality Assessment Scheme (UK NEQAS) known to the Health and Safety Executive are listed in the **appendix**. The inclusion of a laboratory on the list does not imply HSE approval or accreditation, but inspectors and appointed doctors are expected to use only these laboratories for the measurement of blood lead under the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1998.
- 2 The Director of UK NEQAS monitors the performance and participation of laboratories in the scheme fortnightly, and if a laboratory goes 'out of control' the Director asks it to refrain from reporting lead analyses.
- 3 Some commercial laboratories who advertise blood lead analyses as part of their overall service do not have the appropriate analytical facilities and so contract out the work. Inspectors should ask organisations to indicate clearly to their appointed doctors' customers, on each batch of results, the identity of the laboratory actually performing the analyses. This will allow inspectors to satisfy themselves that an organisation is maintaining an appropriate quality control performance.
- 4 Queries about the performance of specific laboratories, or enquiries from laboratories wishing to be included, should be addressed to Dr A.D. Curran, HSL, Buxton (Tel 01298 218400, Fax 01298 218006).

## Annotation and cancellation of instructions

5 OM 2000/104 - **cancel** and **destroy**.

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### APPENDIX (para 1)

LIST OF LABORATORIES, CURRENT AT 08 November 2005, THAT HAVE AGREED TO MAKE THEIR QUALITY CONTROL PERFORMANCE KNOWN TO HSE AND ARE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM BLOOD LEAD ANALYSES.

<b>Laboratory</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
The Firm of Trace Laboratories	Birmingham	0121 442 4103
City Hospital NHS Trust	Birmingham	0121 507 4135
Royal Sussex County Hospital	Brighton	0127 369 6955 EX 4156
Southmead Hospital	Bristol	0117 959 5550
Belfast City Hospital	Belfast	0289 032 9241 EXT 2926
University Hospital Of Wales	Cardiff	0292 094 8370
Prince Charles Hospital	Merthyr Tydfil	0168 572 1721 EXT 8262
Health In Business Ltd	Ellesmere Port	0151 348 5678
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary	Edinburgh	0131 242 6090
Royal Infirmary	Glasgow	0141 211 4390/4638
Royal Surrey County Hospital	Guilford	0148 346 4121
Hull Royal Infirmary	Hull	0148 260 7821
Royal Lancaster Infirmary	Lancaster	0152 458 3758
Leicester Royal Infirmary	Leicester	0116 258 6553 DIRECT
Glan Clwyd Hospital	Bodelwyddan	0174 553 4202 (DIRECT LINE)
Britannia House	Leeds	0113 392 7886
RPS Laboratories	Salford	0161 872 2443
Health Protection Agency	Newcastle Upon Tyne	0191 222 7015
Queens Medical Centre	Nottingham	0115 970 9168

Royal Gwent Hospital	Newport	0163 323 4489
Royal Free Hospital	London	
Derriford Hospital	Plymouth	0175 279 2296
Institute Of Naval Medicine	Gosport	0239 276 8082
Northern General Hospital	Sheffield	0114 271 4243/4928
Guys & St Thomas' Hospitals	London	0207 771 5386
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	London	0208 836 5724
Kings College Hospital	London	0207 346 3008
Health & Safety Laboratory	Buxton	0129 821 8437
Southampton General Hospital	Southampton	02380-796-237
Charing Cross Hospital	London	0208 846 7080
JMJ Laboratories	Abergavenny	01873 856688

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