

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**To: all UK NEQAS ICC & ISH Participants and Distributors**

Dear Participant,

**RE: The impact of COVID-19 on UK NEQAS ICC & ISH services**

The COVID-19 outbreak is having an affect across the world on both a personal and professional level.

Everyone here at UK NEQAS ICC & ISH is committed to maintaining our services to you as far as it is possible. Please be assured that UK NEQAS ICC & ISH has robust business continuity plans in place. But clearly the situation is very serious and one that is of unknown duration. Therefore, we may need to modify our assessments and their scheduling over the next few months'. If that is the case, we will let you know.

- **At this time, we are continuing with the assessment of slides returned for Assessment Run 129 and aim to send out the distribution of Run 130 as scheduled.**

We understand that COVID-19 is impacting on your daily work practises and we do not wish to add to those pressures, therefore if you are unable to meet assessment deadlines for return of slides, or are unable to submit at all:

- **Please contact us by email at [info@ukneqasiccish.org](mailto:info@ukneqasiccish.org) to let us know**

We will be making allowance for late submissions, which will be accepted and assessed if at all possible. Similarly, we will be making allowance for non-submissions if you have been in-touch to notify us.

Yours Sincerely,



**Andrew Dodson**  
*Scheme Director*