

# Pathology Services – Clinical Service Review

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# What we have Done

- **Since June last year:**
  - Secured Community Pathology workload in SaTH
    - Established joint Pathology Board with CCGs
  - Moved Gynae Cytology to UHNS
  - Moved Non Gynae-Cytology from PRH to RSH
  - Moved Microbiology from PRH to RSH
    - partnership with Blood Bikes
  - Implemented new skill mix in all laboratories
- **Cost improvement and savings plan**

# Markers of Quality

- **CPA surveillance inspections in :**
  - **Blood Sciences – November 2013**
  - **Microbiology - February 2014**
  - **Cellular Pathology – April 2014**
- **MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency)**
- **HTA (Human Tissue Authority) – March 2014**
- **EQA (Internal & External Quality Assurance)**

# Challenges

- **Microbiology**
  - **Lack of automation**
- **Cellular Pathology**
  - **Loss of technical skills in cytology**
  - **Building a new team**
- **Blood Sciences out of hours cover**

# Challenges

- **Emerging issues outside of reconfiguration:**
  - **On site 24/7 Blood Sciences at RSH and PRH**
  - **Consultation on Trust-wide On-Call policy, immediately following skill mix review.**
  - **Histopathologist capacity – central role of Cellular Pathology in the cancer pathway**

# Future for SaTH Pathology

- **Maintain High quality, Responsive service**
  - **Further consolidation - Blood Sciences**
  - **Automation refresh – £1.2m procurement project**
  - **Retain provision of Community Pathology**
  - **Automation in Microbiology**
  - **Role of Cellular Pathology in improving SaTH performance in cancer standards**

# Future Fit – Pathology Support

- **Single ED with Blood Sciences on site**
- **Urgent Care Centres:**
  - **Good non-patient transport to main laboratory**
  - **Development of POCT strategy:**
  - **IT links to ensure single patient record**
- **Centralised Microbiology and Cellular Pathology services, anywhere**