

**Note of Meeting of Scottish Pathology Network (SPAN) Steering Group
28th April 2009
Stirling Municipal Building**

Name	Initial	Title	Representing	Attendance
Frank Carey	FAC	Network Clinical Lead	SPAN	Attended
Derek Bishop	DB	Network Manager	SPAN	Attended
Jim Ramsay	JR	Head Biomedical Scientist	Tayside	Attended
Lee Jordan	LJ	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Tayside	Attended
Mark Ashton	MA	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Highland	Apologies
Andrea Chapman	MMK	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Grampian	Attended
Lynn Doverty	LD	Head Biomedical Scientist	Grampian	Attended
Brian Adamson	BA	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Fife	Attended
David Topping	ND	Head Biomedical Scientist	Fife	Attended
Torquil McLeod	TM	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Forth Valley	Apologies
Roy Robertson	RR	Head Biomedical Scientist	Forth Valley	Attended
David Harrison	KG	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Lothian	Apologies/Dr J Loane Deputised
David Elliot	DAE	Head Biomedical Scientist	Lothian	Attended
Jon Coldewey	JC	Clinical Leader (Monklands)/Consultant Pathologist	Lanarkshire	Attended
Allan Wilson	AW	Head Biomedical Scientist (Monklands)	Lanarkshire	Apologies
Margaret Burgoyne	MB	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Glasgow	Apologies/Dr D McLellan Deputised
Tom Downie	TD	Head Biomedical Scientist	Glasgow	Attended
Joyce Lang	JL	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Ayrshire & Arran	Attended
Alex Brown	AB	Head Biomedical Scientist	Ayrshire & Arran	Attended
Awni Lutfy	AL	Clinical Leader/Consultant Pathologist	Dumfries & Galloway	Apologies
Mike Bromley	MB	Head Biomedical Scientist	Dumfries & Galloway	Attended
Jeremy Thomas	JT	Consultant Pathologist	SMASAC Specialty Advisor	Attended
Barry Gusterson	BG	Professor of Pathology	Academic Representative	Apologies
Peter Johnston	PJ	Consultant Pathologist	Post Graduate Representative	Apologies

Note of Meeting

1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies as page 1 noted.

Andrea Chapman and Mike Bromley welcomed to first steering group meeting. Joseph Loane and Douglas McLellan welcomes as deputizing for clinical leads.

2. Note of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Note of Meeting Accepted.

Matters arising.

FAC noted he would relinquish the Network Clinical Lead Post in October 2010

3. Cytology - Cytology Review

The reference group of stakeholders had met in Feb 2009 to discuss and hone down the long list of options using the criteria developed through the road shows. This had been further evaluated by the review group and short list of options will be discussed at a national stakeholders meeting on the 29th May.

The Imager feasibility study continues into phase 2. Phase 1 early signs are that high grade and low grade pick up is at least as good as manual. The efficiency gains are significant. Early feedback on phase 1 will be presented at the SACC on 22 May. The next phase includes reviewing slides which require full review at the screeners own microscope.

4. Pathalba.

JT updated the group

1. Synoptic reporting day in Nov 08 with good attendance and a mandate to develop. NHS Scotland approached and following meeting in January and support from the Cancer Taskforce an outline business case is being developed with NSD/SPAN.
2. Questionnaire highlighted no requirement to spend further on cameras
3. Slide scanning access had been agreed with Univ of Glasgow and Univ of Dundee. A call for projects had gone out and the likely projects included EQA, Neuropath, Lymphoma and breast cancer grading

5. Diagnostic Steering Group

Scottish Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Specialised Services Board had been initiated and would meet for the 1st time 29th May. Representation across disciplines. Using the Graham Beastall review data from Nov 2007 map specialist services and review the delivery, commissioning and potential decommissioning of tests.

6. **Molecular Pathology Review Group** had met once. Short life working group to recommend on the organization and development of molecular pathology. Survey of baseline due to be returned by 30th April. Second meeting of group on 5th May.

7. Clinical issues

