



Ways of Working for the ECMC QATS Network Group

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ECMC QATS Network Group

Mission Statement:

Supporting and enabling ECMCs to conduct translational research to the appropriate levels of quality and regulatory compliance, utilising validated, cutting-edge technologies

Remit:

The QATS group pursues a multi-layered approach to achieving its dual goal of maintaining regulatory compliance whilst conducting translational science to the appropriate levels of quality standards

Quality Assurance Subgroup

Chair: Alex MacLellan, Edinburgh; Co-chair: Sara Yeats, Southampton

Remit:

- Maintaining regulatory compliance
- How to achieve good QA across the Network
- Mentoring in quality assurance processes - through networking and sharing expertise and resources
- Training courses based on members' needs
- Keeping abreast of new developments in the regulatory domain
- Engaging with key stakeholders (MHRA, EMA & RQA)
- Advising on how best to embed QA in network processes
- QA for translational rather than clinical but does include sample handling

Translational Science Subgroup

Chair: Karen Swales, ICR; Co-chair: Fiona Thomson, Glasgow

Remit:

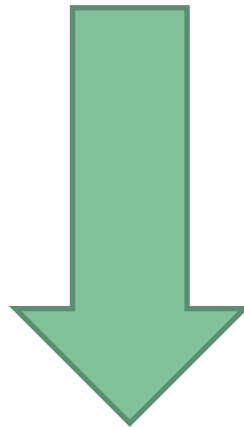
- Conducting translational science to the appropriate quality standards
- Sponsoring training courses in relevant 'hot topics' based on assessment of members' needs
- Embracing new developments in translational science by conducting workshops on cutting-edge technologies
- Identification of promising new technologies and techniques
- Rapid adoption and development of new technologies



SET UP

- Overall Steering Committee
- Subgroups kept updated
- Working Groups
- Whole QATS Group meeting at least once per year

Two Subgroups



Different Objectives

QA SUBGROUP – PROPOSED OBJECTIVES.

- Protocol Development
- Communications
- Placements
- Arrange Workshops
- Accreditation Scheme



TS SUBGROUP – PROPOSED OBJECTIVES.

- **New Technologies**
- **Assay Validation Guidance Document**
- **Communications**
- **Advice**
- **Arrange Workshops**



SHARED OBJECTIVES

- **Communications**
- **Placements**
- **Accreditation**

