

### IEQAS Steering Committee

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### NEW IEQAS STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Mary Kirrane who joined IEQAS as our new EQA Scheme Manager and Lisa Clarke as QMS consultant as we commence our work for ISO 17043: 2023



Lisa Clarke

## Strategic Plan 2026 - 2028



### The IEQAS new strategy is underway

We officially launched the IEQAS Strategic Plan at our AGM on the 15th of April 2026. The IEQAS Strategic Plan 2026-2028 defines our direction for the next three years. It centres on improving patient outcomes by supporting the quality, reliability, and comparability of diagnostic results from hospital laboratories and community settings, enhanced by education that strengthens the understanding and practice of EQA. [IEQAS Strategy](#)

### Thanks for everything!



### Retirements at IEQAS

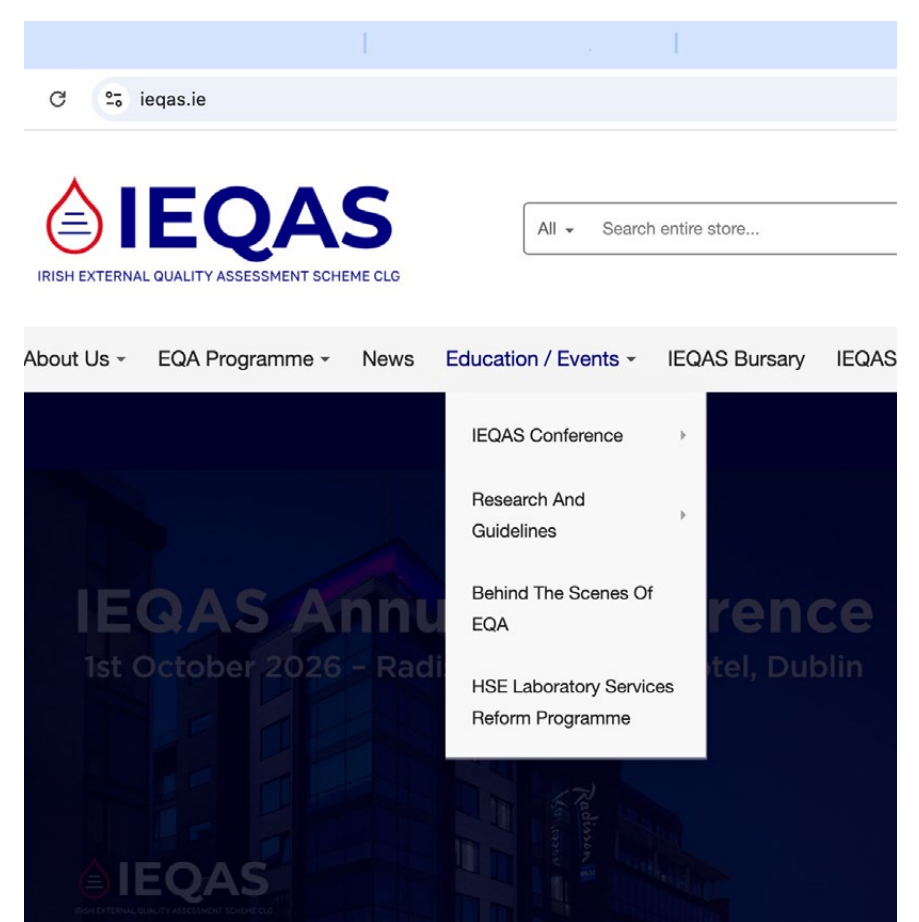
We would like to thank the retiring members of IEQAS Hazel Graham, Dymrna Murphy and Therese Driscoll for all their work, guidance and commitment over the years. We wish them well.

### Innovation

#### Research Section on the IEQAS website

We have a new Research section on our website highlighting National Guidelines and Research Papers of interest. We aim to build a resource for all.

If you would like to add any Research Papers to this section, please email [info@ieqas.ie](mailto:info@ieqas.ie)



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Radisson Blu Royal Hotel  
Dublin - 1st October

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the  
date!

IEQAS Annual  
Conference  
2026

## You Asked - We Listened

### Packaging design

We have changed the IEQAS EQA Packaging, making it easier for laboratories to identify our EQA packages.



### Change to Result Entry for IEQAS HbA1c Scheme

We have made a small change to the Results Entry field for our HbA1c scheme, to help enhance the user experience. This will come into effect for the next HbA1c distribution on the 9th of June 2026.

When you Login into your IEQAS account - the HbA1c A and B sample for each of your analysers will appear together. This means that A and B results can now be entered in the one window.

Further details will be emailed to all scheme members

## ISO 9001:2015 UPDATE



### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

The management system of certificate number **530576**

**Irish External Quality Assessment Scheme CLG**  
B06 Bridge Enterprise Centres, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14 DC83

has been assessed and certified as meeting the requirements of:

**ISO 9001:2015**

External Quality Assessment Schemes for Laboratory Medicine

### Certification

We are pleased to announce that IEQAS, CLG has been accredited again in 2026 to ISO 9001:2015 demonstrating, our ongoing commitment to quality, customer satisfaction, operational efficiency and continuous improvement.



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## IEQAS Conference 2026 Call for Abstracts

IEQAS is dedicated to showcasing excellence in laboratory testing and patient-centred care. Apply now to present your research at the IEQAS Conference 2026.

Abstracts can be emailed to [info@ieqas.ie](mailto:info@ieqas.ie)

We are accepting research in the areas of:  
Clinical Chemistry, Haematology, Microbiology  
and Blood Transfusion.