

News

Ian Ward Scientific Meeting 15th January 2026

The time has come to prepare abstracts for presentation at the annual Ian Ward meeting.

Any subject will be considered, from cases to audit to research & development. It's an excellent opportunity to share your work, gain CPD points and evidence for OneFile competencies.

Successful applicants will be invited to give a 10-minute presentation, which will be judged by a panel of scientists. Prizes are awarded for the two best presentations.

Applications are also welcomed from non-trainees, although those at Consultant level are not eligible for the award.

- **Abstract submission deadline: 8 December 2025**
- Submit to: Niamh Horton (n.horton1@nhs.net)

Successful applicants will be notified shortly after the deadline.

Applications invited for LabMed North West Regional Chair

This is an amazing opportunity to represent the region at a national level, helping to influence the future of the profession in the UK.

Any full LabMed member living or working within the North West region can apply via the LabMed website – just upload a current CV and a personal statement explaining why you'd like to be considered.

<https://labmed.org.uk/about-us/get-involved/labmed-north-west-chair.html>

Further information is also available via the website, or contact sally.hanton1@nhs.net

Closing date for applications: 15th December 2025

A call for nominations for other committee posts will be sent out in the near future.

Regional audit committee re-forming

If you are interested in joining, please email Hannah on hannah.fearon@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

All levels of experience and training are very welcome!

Summer Social 2026

The LabMed NW committee is proposing to hold a summer social event in 2026. Meet up with old friends, network with colleagues from other hospitals and generally enjoy yourselves!

Please give us your thoughts on whether you'd be interested in joining us, where and when by completing this short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P8ZKG6Y>

Cheers!



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Regional Chair
Trainees' Rep
Union Rep (2 positions)
Green Champion
Ordinary Member (2 positions)
Contact Sally Hanton for more details:
sally.hanton1@nhs.net

Meet Your LabMed North West Regional Tutor

Ed Hinchliffe, Manchester University NHS Trust

Within the last year I took over the role of the LabMed Regional Tutor for the North West region. I'd like to begin by saying a huge thank you to Anna Milan, the previous holder of this post. This brief article is to highlight the role of the Regional Tutor and the support that myself, and the wider North West LabMed Committee, can provide to trainees and their supervisors.

Following centralisation of STP recruitment with the National School of Healthcare Sciences, the scope and remit of the Regional Tutor has changed significantly within the last decade. Nevertheless, as a Training Officer within my Trust and alumni of the HSST programme myself, I believe there is still much support that can be offered to STP, HSST and medical trainees within our profession.

The principal role of the Regional Tutor is to promote, coordinate and monitor professional training within our region, with an aim of providing training support that is otherwise difficult to obtain from their employer and/or national structured formal training programme. This is as a service to LabMed members, hence those reaching out for support are encouraged to consider LabMed membership.

Some of the pertinent responsibilities of the Regional Tutor include:

- To provide an oversight of training, and advice for LabMed members who are pre-registration trainees and their supervisors.
- To liaise with the training providers on behalf of trainees in the region.
- To provide support and advice for members who are trainees and supervisors in the region preparing for FRCPath examinations.
- To provide support and signposting for those going through a registration equivalence process.
- To provide support and signposting to students interested in a career as a clinical scientist. Promote STEM ambassadors and involvement in public engagement events/careers talks.
- To attend the two national Biochemistry Education Group meetings per year, providing a report for the region, and liaise with other regional tutors and the Education & Training Committee with regards training, educational activities and courses.

As a trainee (whatever stage you are at within your career) or training supervisor, and you require any such support, advice or signposting, please don't hesitate to contact me in the first instance:

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Dates for your diary

8th December – Closing date for Ian Ward abstracts

15th December – Closing date for Regional Chair applications

15th January – Ian Ward Scientific Meeting