

**Audit Template**

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| **Audit Title:**  **POCT Services & Accreditation Status** | |
| **Lead Auditor: Nikola Costa** | **Audit date(s):**  April 2017 |
| Please indicate ~~if~~ **~~Local /~~ Regional / ~~National Audit~~**  Please indicate which hospital & location or region  **Thames Region** | **Report Author:**  Name:  Nikola Costa  Email: Nikola.costa@gosh.nhs.uk |
| **Aims of the Audit:**  An audit was conducted in the Thames Region to investigate the current status of POCT services in the region and to share experience in the issues surrounding POCT service provision and acquiring accreditation (UKAS or CPA).  The aim was to investigate whether hospitals in our region had adopted practices that conformed to the UKAS ISO 22870:2006 or 2016 POCT-specific criteria, including the management, organisation and operation of POCT services.  Other aims included   * To enable each participant to explore their service in detail * Demonstrate areas of POCT service management requirements * Help identify   + shortfalls in documentation/organisation   + areas that are difficult to demonstrate compliance with standards   + where improvements can be made * Share learning of good practice between trusts | |
| **Audit Method and Outcome(s):**  An audit questionnaire was distributed by e-mail to the laboratories of the Thames region and responses collated. Participating laboratories were asked about their provision of POCT services, organisation, management and operation. The findings of the audit were presented to the region in a half day meeting, and operational issues discussed.  However, the audit did highlight areas of improvement for those labs who participated in this audit. These areas include:   * Thorough documentation of policies/ processes/management is required   + A suitable QMS will enable recording/ controlling/monitoring of process most efficiently   + Greatest challenge in organisations with mixed responsibilities/governance for POCT * Training and competency recording/ controlling/monitoring is biggest challenge   + Made easier with connected devices, middleware controls, “ownership” of personnel records | |
| **Audit Recommendations / Standards:**  1. UKAS ISO 22870:2006 or 2016  2.  3. | |
| **Please indicate to whom and when audit presented &/or circulated&/or published:**  Audit findings presented at the meeting of the Thames Audit Group on 28th April 2017. | |
| **Audit recommendations / standards ratified by … and when:** | |
| **Date of audit report:**  28th April 2017 | |
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