

## News

## LabMedUK25

The North West was extremely well represented at LabMedUK25 in Manchester, with posters and presentations from labs across the region. Congratulations to:

- Sophie Rothwell Mason (Manchester University NHS FT)  
– Clinical Cases Award winner
- Sally Hanton (Walton Centre NHS FT)  
– Medal Award runner-up

Thanks go to Kath Hayden (Manchester University NHS FT) for her hard work as president over the past 2 years; the presidency has now passed to Ian Godber (NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde)

Next year's LabMedUK will be held in Birmingham from 8-10 June – any suggestions for content should be submitted via <https://labmed.org.uk/labmeduk26.html>

## GET INVOLVED

### Current committee vacancies:

Regional Chair

Trainees' Rep

Union Rep (2 positions)

Green Champion

Ordinary Member (2 positions)

Contact Sally Hanton for more details:

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## Inaugural LabMed North West Audit Award – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we held our inaugural LabMed North West Regional Audit Award. Over 100 online delegates were treated to a varied programme which covered audit activity around compliance with myeloma screening guidance, diagnostic performance of faecal haemoglobin tests, review of cortisol telephoning timescales, and clinical action following small band detection on serum protein electrophoresis. Many thanks to Katy Keymer (Liverpool), Emma Henly (Warrington), Alan Cheung (Stockport) and Sally Hanton (The Walton Centre) for their interesting and engaging presentations.

And congratulations to Alan Cheung, an STP Trainee in Clinical Biochemistry at Stockport NHS FT for his winning presentation on 'Diagnostic performance of FOB Gold and HM-JACKarc in symptomatic primary care patients'!

We are setting up a newly reformed NW regional audit committee to drive audit activity going forward. If you are located in the North West region and would like to be involved with this please email [hannah.fearon@liverpoolft.nhs.uk](mailto:hannah.fearon@liverpoolft.nhs.uk)

And don't forget to register for the National Audit Day meeting which is being held in London on the 28<sup>th</sup> November! This year's programme focuses on PSA, testosterone and tumour markers, and is always a really useful and inspiring day.



### Regional Chair vacancy

We thank Carrie Chadwick for all her hard work as Regional Chair over the past 3 years. If you are interested in taking on the role or would like more details, please email [sally.hanton1@nhs.net](mailto:sally.hanton1@nhs.net)

### Meet your new EDI liaison!

My name is Sofia and I'm your new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Liaison for the North West. I'm a trainee within the Northern Care Alliance, based at the Royal Oldham Hospital. I'm really excited to get started in this role, and as the first EDI liaison for this committee, I will make it my duty to learn alongside you all.

I enter this role drawing on my own personal experiences, while remaining mindful that my responsibility is to listen deeply and understand the lived realities of others. I see myself as someone who can help translate those stories into meaningful actions, bridging the gap between what people feel and experience and what can truly support them.

I am passionate about equity in healthcare and want to ensure that LabMed members, as well as patients, remain at the forefront of everything we do. I'll be sending out a survey soon to better understand what matters most to the North West region and to identify any queries or concerns. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me regarding anything EDI related, I'll do my very best to help. I'm really looking forward to working with you all!

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### Regional bursaries

LabMed members can apply for a Regional Education Bursary up to £500, which can be used to attend scientific meetings or specialist training courses.

Applicants must have been fee-paying members of the Association for at least 12 months, and if successful will be expected to write a short report for LabMed News about the event attended.

Applications for the current round of bursaries are open until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Further information and future application dates can be found at <https://labmed.org.uk/events-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/regional-educational-bursary.html>

### Dates for your diary

30<sup>th</sup> September – Regional Bursary applications close

27<sup>th</sup> November – Trainees' Day & Freddie Flynn Lecture, London

28<sup>th</sup> November – National Audit Day, London