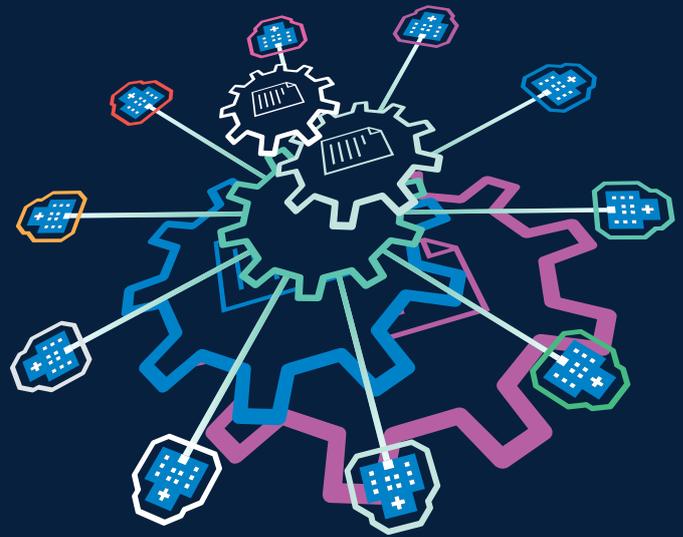


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 NPEx is now on Twitter!

Don't forget to give us a follow [@thisnhsnpex](https://twitter.com/thisnhsnpex) where you will see update tweets from the NPEx and THIS team.

Genomics



NPEx is pleased to be providing support for the pilot of Genomics testing services as part of NHS England's National Genomic Information Programme and the 100,000 Genomes Project. This pilot will enable Genomics England to test the IT infrastructure for the industrialisation of Genomics testing services across the NHS in England. In doing so, local clinicians will be able to digitally request a Genomics test via their local hospital laboratory and can expect a digital result in return.

Chris Dunne, Assistant Director of Informatics at The Health Informatics Service said *"It's great to be part of such a high profile, innovative piece of work and testament to the progress NPEx has made over the last two years. Working with national partners such as NHS England and Genomics England will only strengthen the position NPEx holds in the Pathology arena - well done to all those involved."*

X-Lab's Cyber Certification Success



It is becoming increasingly important to ensure and demonstrate effective controls for data and Cyber Security. In addition to the security provided by The Health Informatics Service, we are pleased to announce that X-Lab has now gained Cyber Essentials certification.

By meeting the standards set by the Government for security measures, we can formally assure our stakeholders and customers that we can demonstrate a commitment to mitigating against any cyber-attacks.

Andy Harris, General Manager, X-Lab: *"This is the beginning of a process and X-Lab is now looking to gain the significantly more stringent IASME Governance standard, with the continued support of The Health Informatics Service, who are the only licensed NHS IASME Certification Body."*

NPEx New Customers

NPEx on Islands

Isle of Wight NHS Trust

Jersey General Hospital

NPEx in England

Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

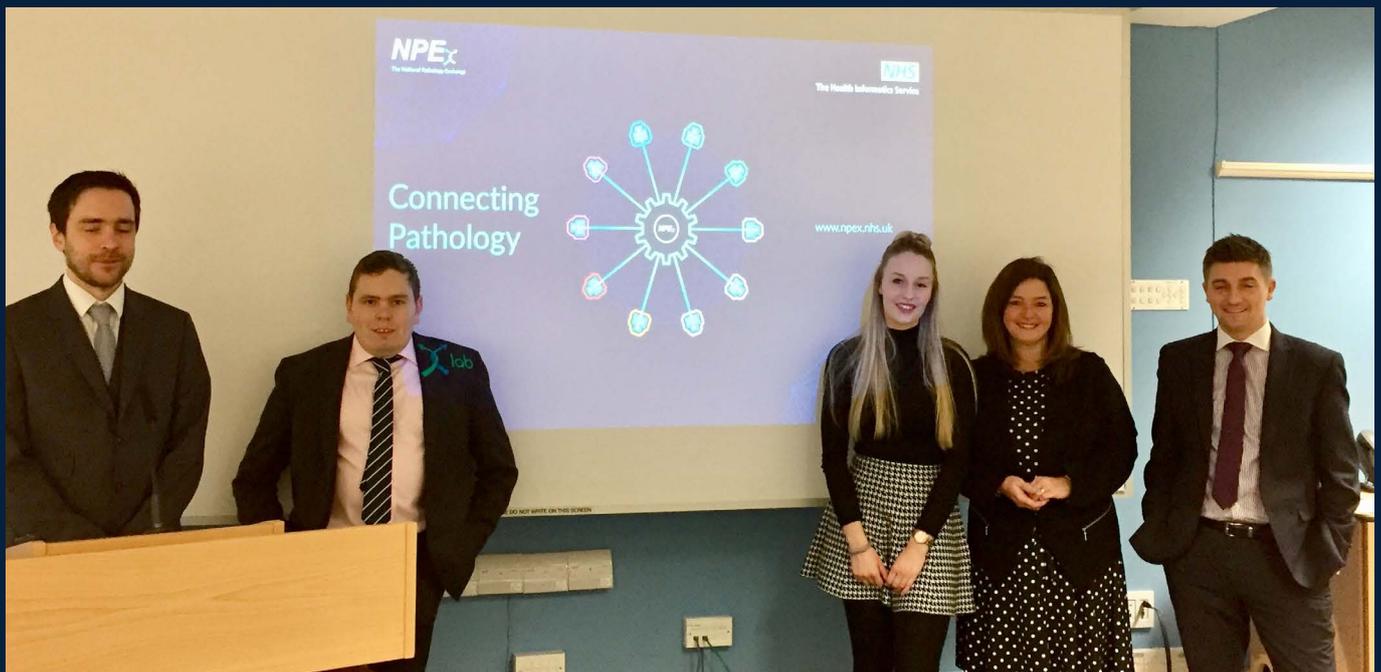
NPEx - Go Live

We're pleased to announce the following labs are
now Live on NPEx

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Scotland Roadshow



On the 25th January 2018, NPE_x hosted the first regional roadshow of the year in Edinburgh where over 60 delegates from 11 Scottish Health Boards attended. The day was kicked off by Chris Dunne and Steve Box, Business Development Director at X-Lab who set the context for the meeting and described the relationship between X-Lab and The Health Informatics Service as co-hosts of NPE_x.

Our keynote speakers, Ian Godber, Lead Clinician for the Scottish Clinical Biochemistry Managed Diagnostic Network and Matt Noel, IM&T Operational Manager at NHS Lothian gave insight into collaborative working, the value of countrywide IT connectivity and benefits of NPE_x coupled with challenges of implementation.

Patrick Davy, Software Developer at X-Lab, gave a technical presentation that summarised the NPE_x technical roadmap for the next 12 months, including a solution-orientated approach to resolving technical challenges for Microbiology, Histopathology & Genomics reporting.

For more details on the presentations delivered on the day, please visit **NPE_x News**.

Tech Update: Editing Email Address

A limitation of NPEx that has become evident in recent months is the inability for users to change their email addresses. In the past this was not an issue because users have one email address provided to them from their trust so unlike a personal email address it would change infrequently. However, we have seen several labs in the last quarter who have asked for their users' email address to be updated due to trust mergers or moving to the new nhs.net domain. Whenever this occurs, due to the limitation within NPEx, we must update their email addresses on the lab's behalf.

Steven Cooney, Software Developer for X-Lab explained "A new feature I have been working on recently is to allow end users of NPEx to update their email address to both NPEx and the Forum. Unfortunately, due to historical assumptions, the email address was used as the identifier for a user and therefore simply updating an email address has become a more difficult process. One of the challenges in adding email update is to maintain audit history, which is an important feature of NPEx. When the feature has been thoroughly tested and launched, a user will be able to update their email address on the edit details page, as they can do now with their username and display name."

Edit details for NPEx User

User details

Email	<input type="text" value="support@x-labsystems.co.uk"/>
Username	<input type="text" value="NPEx"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="NPEx User"/>
Phone	<input type="text" value="0113 226 5505"/>
	<input type="button" value="Edit User"/>

User Group 2018

We're pleased to announce that we have entered the planning phase for the next annual NPEX User Group due to be held this autumn. We are most interested in suggestions from users on possible presentations and workshops (even if it is to volunteer as a presenter!). To make a suggestion please visit the 'User group planning' area of the forum.

Topics and workshops are expected to include: IT as an enabler for the 29 NHSI networks; NPEX 1-3 year strategic plans; NPEX for complex reporting (an update specifically for Genomics); delivery of pathology on an island; findings from a health economics study; NPEX feature enhancements & security/infrastructure updates, etc. Workshops are also likely to include interactive sessions for prioritising new feature delivery, discussing the implications for IT of the 29 networks and new user forums.

Venues currently being considered are central to the UK (in the East and West Midlands).

Please keep an eye out for updates on the date, venue and agenda. We look forward to seeing you all there!



NPEx New Features

We've been working on some new features to enhance the NPEx experience. Our aim is to tailor the NPEx system in line with our users' requirements and we strive to add features that benefit all system users (agnostic of LIMS). Our quarterly WebEx sessions aim to help us understand what's important to you and enable us to spend time adding the features that are vital.

Live

Specimen Type

- To improve the efficiency of setting up a test within NPEx, the specimen type that the performing lab has set up is now displayed and visible. The aim of this feature is to ease the test set up process for the lab resulting in reduction of testing errors/required comms between labs.

Lab list test links

- You can now directly select the test you wish to set up and it will direct you to the test set up page via the 'Lab List'.

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Test	Referring Labs	Weekly Volume	Turnaround
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17 Hydroxyprogesterone measurement	12	14.5	16.3
24 hour urine amylase output measurement	2	<1.0	-
24 hour urine copper output measurement	5	<1.0	-
24 hour urine magnesium output measurement	1	<1.0	-
Abalone Haliotis spp. f346	1	0.3	-
Acacia spp. specific IgE antibody measurement	1	<1.0	-
Acarus siro specific IgE antibody measurement (procedure)	3	0.8	5.5
Acetylcholine receptor measurement	16	9.3	12.1
Actinidia chinensis specific IgE antibody measurement	9	2.0	6.5

In development

Editing Shipments

- This feature will allow the sending lab after they have packaged a shipment and before it has been dispatched, to add additional specimens, or remove specimens from a shipment.

Email Notifications

- This feature is to provide users with notifications when a result has been updated within NPEX.

In discussion

All the features listed below can be found in the 'Feature Proposals' tab within the User Forum. If you have any comments or suggestions, please visit the Forum

- Catalogue additions
- Resend Individual Results
- Cancellation / Missing / Damaged Status Reason
- Download and Upload of Information
- Printing address labels from NPEX

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- [Cancellation or Missing/Damaged Status Reason >](#) Started by: Sam Bates | Views: 9 | Replies: 0 | Last: 23 February 2018 17:03 by Sam Bates
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