



## Are you 'all clear' on pathology?

**London, 31 October 2014,** Viapath will be celebrating International Pathology Day, during National Pathology Week, with an exciting and interactive event stand at St. Thomas' Hospital (Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust) to de-mystify and educate the general public about pathology.

Scientists from Viapath's Infection Sciences laboratories at St. Thomas' Hospital will be on hand to talk to the general public about infectious diseases, how they behave, how they can be prevented and also, the work that pathologists do in the laboratory to identify these diseases.

As well as talking to attendees, our scientific experts will provide the opportunity for some hands on interaction, try out techniques used every day in the laboratory. There will be interesting 'things' to look at down a microscope, opportunities to have your photograph taken in some protective gear and we will be finding out how clean your hands really are!

The stand will be available to the public from 9am-5pm, with a range of goodies being given away including pens, chocolate and even some mini furry 'bugs'.

Attendees throughout the day will include a range of MPs, with Shadow Ministers for Health and the Home Office taking the short trip across the river, as well as representatives from The Royal College of Pathologists.

With 70% of all diagnoses in the NHS based on the results of a pathology test, this event is a great opportunity to gain an insight into the vital work that pathologists perform behind the scenes to help provide excellent care for patients.

Date: 5 November 2014

Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Venue: The Bird Song Corridor, St. Thomas' Hospital, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7EH

### Editors Note

**Viapath Group** was previously known as GSTS Pathology LLP and rebranded as Viapath on 1 May 2014. The organisation was created five years ago by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and Serco plc. Later in 2009, the joint venture won a contract to provide pathology services to Bedford Hospital NHS Trust. In 2010, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust became a member. Viapath is now majority owned by two leading teaching hospitals.

Pathology is vital to health care and it is estimated that 70-80% of all health care decisions affecting diagnosis or treatment involve a pathology investigation. Viapath provides pathology services to over 400 NHS trusts, GP practices and private health clinics. With around 1,000 employees processing more than 22 million tests each year, the work of Viapath touches thousands of lives every day.

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