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NPEx Webex Sessions - 3rd November 2016

As part of X-Lab's continuous drive to provide an ever improving customer experience, The NPEx Team are inviting all Live and Test users to their third NPEx WebEx session on Thursday 3rd November 2016. The structure of this sessions will be entirely user focused and will centre on queries, questions or concerns which may have arisen during a lab's use of NPEx. This session will be a great opportunity for NPEx users to participate in an open forum with The NPEx Team for us to obtain information from the users through vital discussion and feedback on the following areas:

- Patient demographic changes – what does an NPEx user do if a patient's details change between sending the request and receiving the result?
- Can another LIMS system other than LabCentre set collection time to half-day precision e.g. August 1st, 1am ?
- Potential new features to the system: shipment label printing, LIMS-specific documentation for adding test configuration, an 'on hold' status for requests.

The topics for the session are not exhaustive as we intend to create an open forum of discussion amongst the labs to talk about any open issues/feature requests they wish amongst other NPEx users. We are always open to suggestions on what the content of the WebEx sessions should focus on.
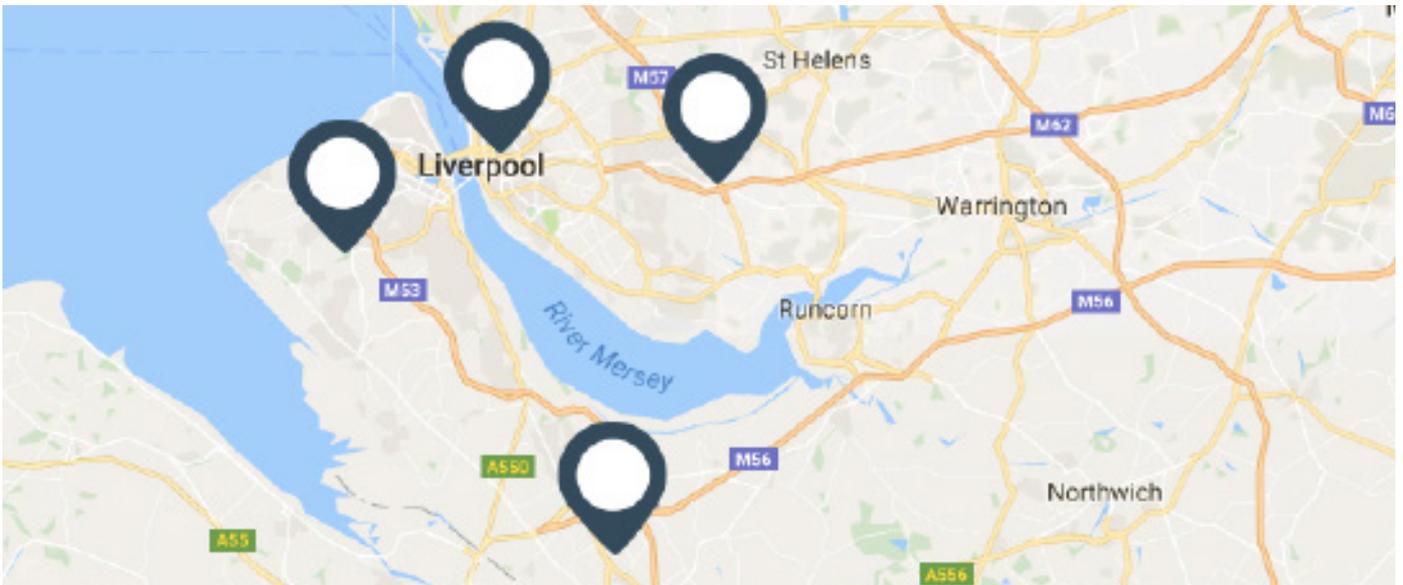
If you wish to suggest an area of discussion, or would like to attend the next WebEx session - please email your details to: userforum@x-labsystems.co.uk

Yorkshire & Humber NPEx Roadshow

On Wednesday 12th October 2016, we co-hosted the Yorkshire and Humber NPEx Roadshow with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in the Pathology department at the Old Medical School. Over 25 delegates from laboratories across the region were in attendance.

The day consisted of talks from Steve Box, Business Development Manager at X-Lab and Chris Dunne, Assistant Director of Informatics from The Health Informatics Service to begin with. This was followed by a talk by Mike Messenger, Deputy Director and Scientific Manager at NIHR Diagnostic Evidence Co-Operative (DEC) Leeds & Martin Fottles, Acting General Manager at Leeds Pathology Services who outlined challenges & future vision of diagnostics both inside & outside the laboratory.

Full details of the day, alongside each speaker's presentations, can be found on the news section of the NPEx website here

NPEx lands in Merseyside and Cheshire

Over the summer period, NPEx saw four sites begin the initial implementation and deployment process within the Merseyside and Cheshire region:

- St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
- Countess of Chester Hospital NHS FT
- Liverpool Clinical Laboratory (Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital)
- Wirral University Teaching Hospital

Both St Helens and Knowsley and Countess of Chester plan to begin an initial partnership when they go Live with one of NPEx's biggest and long standing users, Manchester Royal Infirmary. Liverpool Clinical Laboratories alone processes over 5 million sample tests each year and is the largest pathology service provider in Merseyside and Cheshire.

With over 500 highly trained consultants, they hope to continue their success and significantly improve their services. NPEx will be key for enabling these labs to reduce the required resources as well as minimising the risk of transcription errors dramatically. It also means that the labs within this region will be one step closer to the Paperless NHS 2020 goal.

Chris Dunne, Assistant Director of Informatics at The Health Informatics Service, and the team at X-Lab are thrilled about this news and delighted that their biggest NPEx subscriber, Manchester Royal Infirmary, will be expanding its networks even further.

YHAHSN supports NPEx

We are delighted that the Yorkshire & Humber Academic Health Science Network (YHAHSN) recently announced their support for the National Pathology Exchange (NPEx). The Yorkshire and Humber NPEx roadshow, in collaboration with Leeds Pathology Services, was held at the Pathology Department, Old Medical School, Leeds General Infirmary on Wednesday 12th October.

NPEx aims to enable and support Pathology Modernisation and a paperless NHS through driving efficiency within labs across the UK and improving patient's outcomes and well-being. Steve Box, Business Development Manager at X-Lab Ltd said:

"The Yorkshire & Humber AHSN offers an invaluable network to support promotion of our innovative services and access to new networks that would otherwise be impenetrable. We are delighted that the Yorkshire & Humber AHSN has recommended NPEx as a case study in the Wachter Review."

For more information, please visit the YHAHSN website here

Recent sites subscribed to NPEx

The NPEx family is continuing to grow as five new sites are now officially live on the system:

- South Tees
- Imperial
- Southwest Pathology Services
- King's Mill (Sherwood Forest)
- Chesterfield

In addition, NPEx has also had five new sites subscribe to the service and is currently in the deployment stages of implementation:

- Liverpool Clinical Laboratories
- The Royal Wolverhampton Trust
- Countess of Chester
- The Wirral (Not Kicked off)
- Airedale & Bradford (Not kicked off)

New Starters

X-Lab are pleased to announce five new members of staff to have recently joined their team to further drive the company's current and future support and deployments across the NHS.

Steven Cooney – Software Developer

Keren Pearson – Software Developer

Abigail Marsay – Deployment Coordinator (student placement)

Sam Gair – Deployment Coordinator (student placement)

Sahar Salimi – Business Analyst (student placement)

Steve began programming in his spare time during sixth form which led his future interest in software development and going on to study Computer Science at the University of Leeds. He initially began working for X-Lab over the Summer in 2013 and has worked part time with us during his second and third year of studies. As part of his degree, Steve worked for IBM in Winchester as Software Engineer for the MQ Security team between his second and third year. He has recently graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Computer Science and joined us in July as a full time Software Developer.

Abigail is a third-year IT student at the University of Leeds and is joining X-Lab this year as part of the Deployment team. Having previously worked on the Knowhow Desk for Currys PC World and spending her spare time teaching art workshops to local children, Abigail developed an interest in computing mainly due to the fast-moving and interesting field that has several future possibilities.

Sam's initial interest in IT began through upgrading and repairing computers at home as a childhood hobby, which soon progressed when Sam began studying Networking & System Support at college where he particularly enjoyed the practical troubleshooting aspects of the course. At University, Sam went on to learn about the computer systems that are central to the society we live in - how they are designed, built and supported. Here at X-Lab, Sam is part of the Deployment team and is enjoying being able to apply his technical skills and advanced knowledge under pressure and adapt these into real-life scenarios.

Sahar joined X-Lab in August as our new Business Analyst. Having arrived in England from Iran in 2007, Sahar worked in an IT company for a year before beginning her A-levels and originally studying towards a degree in Architecture at Liverpool. Sahar then decided that she wanted to begin a career in IT, and went on to receive a scholarship to study Computing at the University of Leeds in 2014.

Keren graduated from the University of Hertfordshire in 2009 with a degree in Law, and continued to do the LPC at BPP Law School in Leeds. Keren previously worked in food law approving packaging for retailers such as Asda and Lidl for three years before beginning to write code in her spare time. This led to Keren to kick start a new career as a developer where she began by doing a Masters in Computing at the University of Bradford and successfully completed last month.