

INTERNAL INSPECTION OF CLS TISSUE CULTURE SUITES

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OBSERVATIONS & ACTIONS

1. Some workers were observed not wearing lab coats when working in TC.
 - Action 1. LG to remind Lab/TC Managers that there is a regulatory requirement for suitable protective clothing to be worn, even at CL1. Comment [CoLS1]: Done

2. AIL and CPD TC suites still contain old, wooden drawer units.
 - Action 1. LG to remind Lab/TC Managers that there is a regulatory requirement, again, even at CL1, for the lab bench surfaces to be easily cleaned, be impervious to water and resistant to acids, alkalis, solvents, disinfectants and other decontamination agents that may be in use. Comment [CoLS2]: done
 - Action 2. Relevant Lab/TC Managers to replace wooden drawer units with acceptable alternative. Comment [CoLS3]: done

3. AIL TC suite does not have a lock on the door and the door was ajar when inspectors visited.
 - Action 1. LG to remind Lab Manager that there is a regulatory requirement that access to a CL 2 laboratory be restricted to authorised personnel only (i.e. laboratory personnel and other specified persons) and the laboratory door should remain closed when work is in progress. Comment [CoLS4]: done
 - Action 2. Lab Manager to get lock fitted to door. Comment [CoLS5]: done

4. Several other suite doors were also found to be ajar at the time of the inspection.
 - Action 1. LG to remind all Lab/TC suite managers of above requirement. Comment [CoLS6]: done

5. Some suites contain a large amount of cardboard boxes
 - Action 1. LG to remind Lab/TC Managers that the amount of cardboard boxes within the suite should be kept to a minimum. Comment [CoLS7]: done

6. Not all microbiological safety cabinets bare a copy of their latest test report.
 - Action 1. LG to post latest test reports on all cabinets. Comment [CoLS8]: done

7. Some TC waste bins look very dog-eared and dirty.
 - Action 1. LG to ask Lab/TC Managers to consider replacing any bins that are in particularly bad condition. Comment [CoLS9]: done

8. Seat pads on some chairs in the MRC TC suites were quite badly torn.
 - Action 1. LG to flag this up to NRH. Comment [CoLS10]: done

9. Some suites used for CL1 work only are signed as CL2 facilities.
 - Action 1. LG to remove CL2 signs and ensure all cabinets are designated for CL1 work only. Comment [CoLS11]: done

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Lab/TC Managers were supplied with pages from the SACGM Compendium of guidance that contain full details of CL1 and CL2 requirements.