

Sampling aspects and how to ensure fit for purpose sampling scheme

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Outline

- 1. Understanding the scheme requirements**
- 2. Understanding the receiving Laboratory needs**
- 3. Review the sites**
- 4. Understanding the Sampling**
- 5. Design a programme to meet these needs**
- 6. Monitor and Review**



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Understanding the Key Points of the Study

Meet the requirements

1. Identify most appropriate sample points
2. Provide robust data to inform what happens next
3. Take enough samples
4. Take them correctly
5. Minimise contamination risk



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Understanding the scheme requirements

An Overview of

i. What is needed

- Sampling guidance
 - Determinands
 - Procedures
 - Sensitivity
 - Frequencies
 - Reporting

i. Where it is needed

- Sites identified – 20 in Scotland
- Sampling locations



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Understanding the Laboratory Capabilities

i. What do you need to know

- Capability
- Capacity
- Specific requirements
 - stability
 - bottle types
 - storage/transportation/chain of custody
 - information
- Outsourcing



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Understanding the Sites

i. Full Review of the sites and their Implications

- Geographical spread
- Locate sample points



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Understanding the Sites

1. Outfall
2. Egress Entry
3. Sign-in
4. Raw
5. Final Effluent

Route



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Understanding the Sites

i. Full Review of the sites and their Implications

- H&S
- Access
- Options to mitigate risk
- Control measures



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Understanding the Sampling Needs

i. What do you need to cover

- Recruitment
- Training
- Equipment/Resources



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Understanding the Sampling Needs

i. Ensuring sampling does not impact on results

- Procedures
 - Sampling
 - Equipment
 - Information
- Important to have
 - Correct kit
 - Correct Cleaning and storage
 - Blanks

Once you have done all of that



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Scheduling the Sampling Scheme

i. Designing and Scheduling a programme

Based on

- All the requirements set
- The receiving lab and any resources
- In consultation with the customer



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Understanding the requirements

i. Monitor and Review

- Compliance with programme
- Issues
- Results
- Review and amend (in consultation)



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Conclusion

How to ensure fit for purpose sampling scheme

- Fully Understand all the requirements prior to start up
- Fully understand the receiving Laboratory's capability, requirements and capacity
- Visit all sites prior to start up and review
- Put in place the correct resources and training/understanding
- Design and implement the programme
- Review, Review, Review
- Prepare



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Thank you

