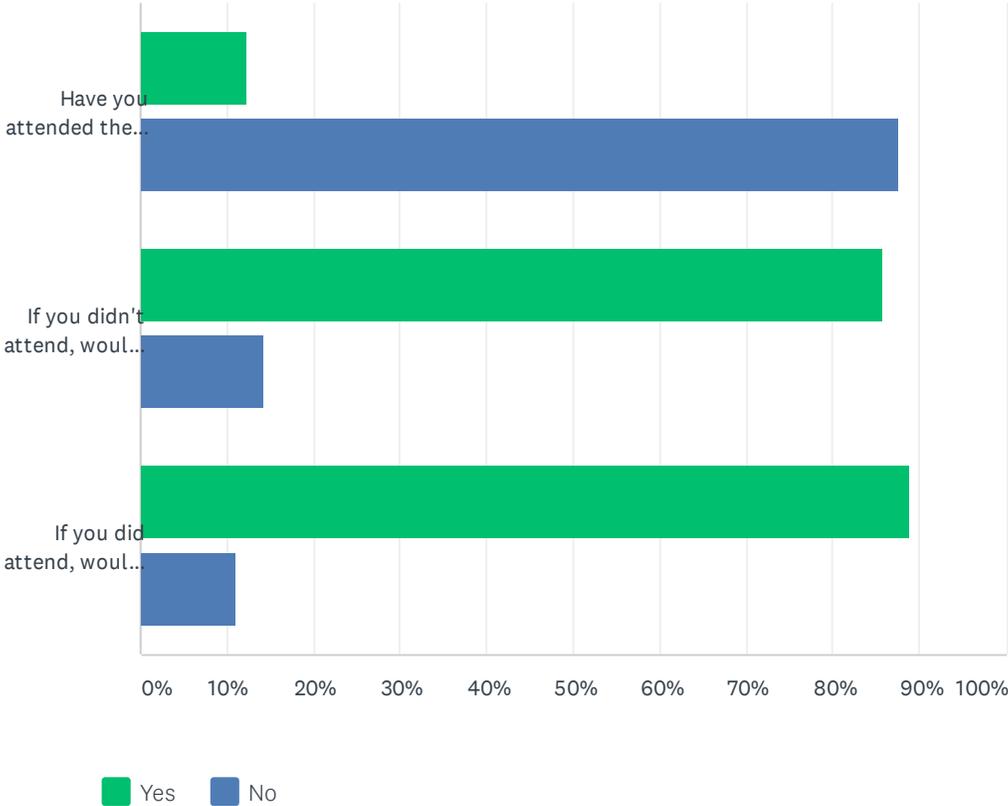


# Q1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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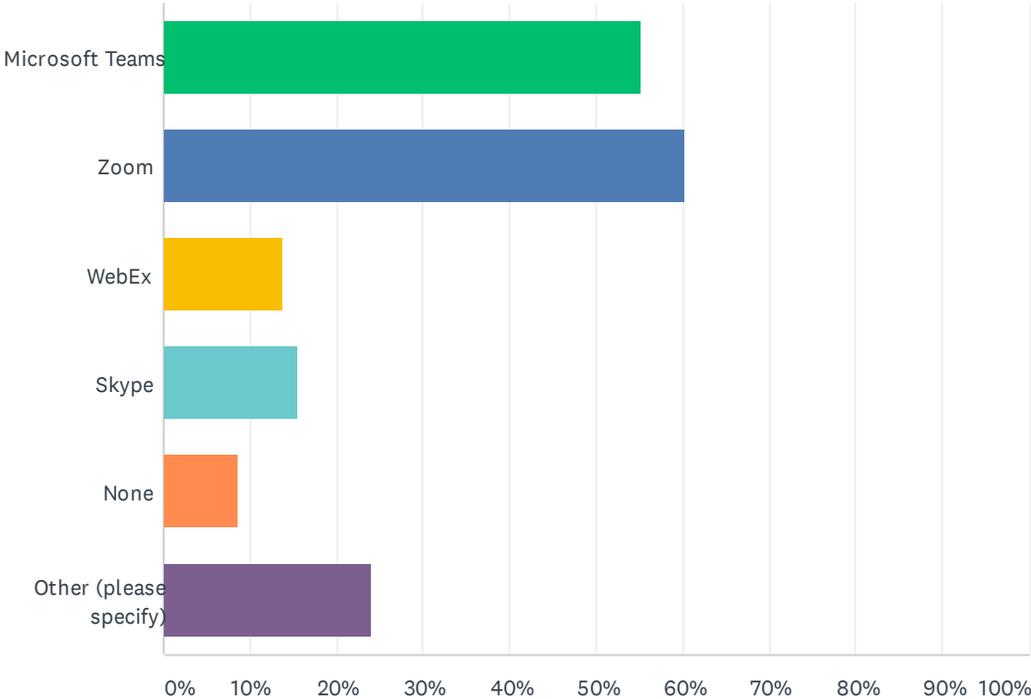
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Have you attended the AGM in the last two years?	12.28% 7	87.72% 50	57
If you didn't attend, would you attend a virtual meeting?	85.71% 42	14.29% 7	49
If you did attend, would you still attend a virtual meeting?	88.89% 32	11.11% 4	36

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#	PLEASE COMMENT BELOW	DATE
1	technology seems to work well and more available after Covid. We use starleaf in our Trust.	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	Too far to drive - no reimbursement by Trust unless business insurance on car. Will have to move to virtual meetings anyway (easy to set up please) in the pandemic.	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
3	In the present situation in and out of out work places a Virtual meeting will most welcome.	6/9/2020 12:40 PM
4	Driving for long distances to physically attend meetings requires more time off. Virtual meetings will be ideal,	6/6/2020 11:52 AM
5	Virtual meetings will be more convenient to attend due to current travel restrictions and personal childcare issues. I shall definitely attend a virtual meeting.	6/6/2020 8:28 AM
6	Perhaps, it depends on topics being discussed.	6/2/2020 2:18 PM
7	Have been unable to attend for the last few years but avirtual meeting would be easier to attend as travelling long distance can be avoided.	6/2/2020 12:39 PM
8	Difficult to find time in schedule	6/2/2020 9:55 AM
9	in normal circumstances can't spare the time away from desk. webinars/VC are much more efficient use of everyone's time in a shortage specialty.	6/1/2020 4:21 PM
10	Probably the way to go now in these social distancing times. Microsoft teams works extremely well (better than Zoom IMHO). We use it for our weekly breast MDM. Obviously it relies on having the appropriate hardware and software so may restrict involvement of some individuals but given the very poor attendance rates at the AGM it is an option worth considering.	6/1/2020 4:06 PM
11	Not sure I will travel again to virtually anything post CoVID	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
12	Slightly confusing question. I did attend, but only "virtually".	6/1/2020 12:23 PM
13	although I have learned quite a lot about zoom recently in the past the topics talked of have not been ones in my practice.	6/1/2020 12:15 PM

## Q2 What virtual meeting software do you use?

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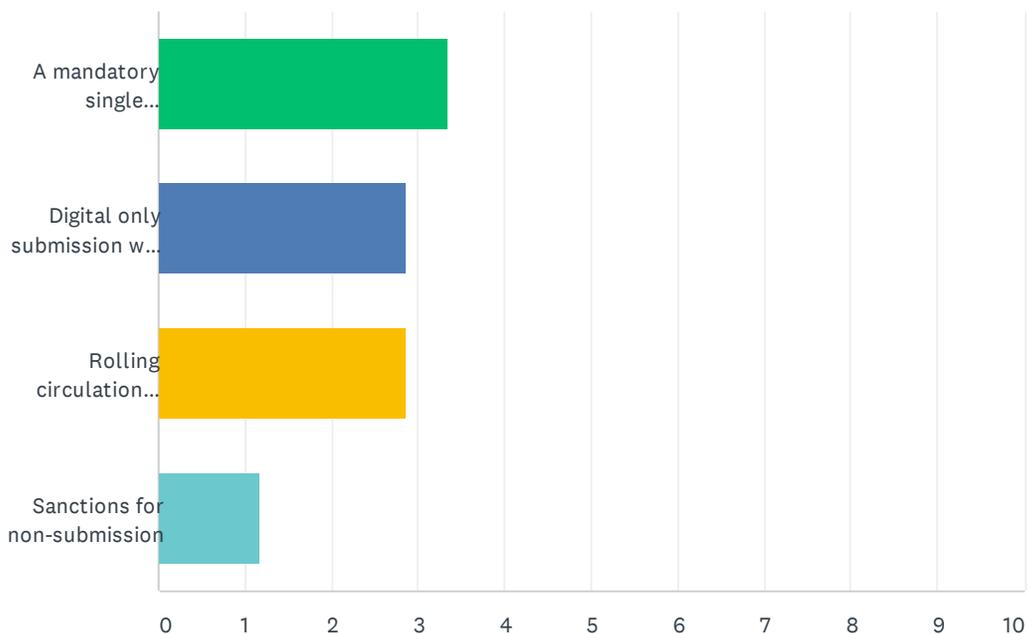
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Microsoft Teams	55.17%	32
Zoom	60.34%	35
WebEx	13.79%	8
Skype	15.52%	9
None	8.62%	5
Other (please specify)	24.14%	14
Total Respondents: 58		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	starleaf	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	Disqus	6/15/2020 9:38 AM
3	None yet.	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
4	StarLeaf	6/13/2020 7:52 AM
5	starleaf	6/8/2020 3:32 PM
6	CISCO	6/7/2020 9:07 PM
7	Blue Jeans	6/4/2020 3:47 PM
8	Google meet, Google duo	6/2/2020 12:39 PM
9	visionable/visimeet	6/1/2020 4:21 PM
10	Jabba	6/1/2020 3:53 PM
11	Starleaf	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
12	None so far	6/1/2020 1:43 PM
13	BlueJeans	6/1/2020 12:23 PM
14	Work equipment not up to spec - no camera. Do zoom meets from home	6/1/2020 11:18 AM

### Q3 You gave us your ideas on how to improve the new case submission rate, please rank your preferences, 1 being most suitable.

Answered: 56 Skipped: 2



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
A mandatory single submission each year	54.17% 26	27.08% 13	18.75% 9	0.00% 0	48	3.35
Digital only submission with 1 H&E slide	28.57% 14	32.65% 16	34.69% 17	4.08% 2	49	2.86
Rolling circulation group. E.g. Group 2, 3 and 4 submit in 2020, Group 5, 6, 7 in 2021 etc.	28.57% 14	36.73% 18	26.53% 13	8.16% 4	49	2.86
Sanctions for non-submission	0.00% 0	2.13% 1	12.77% 6	85.11% 40	47	1.17

**Q4 If you agree with sanctions for non- submission, what would you suggest?**

Answered: 32 Skipped: 26

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's like in a school. I disagree with this option. The reasons people cannot submit probably because the cases they are exposed to do not allow them to submit the ones asked by the organiser. In district general hospital the big resection cases go to the big centres. Also as biopsies getting smaller and more molecular testing required, how can pathologists take all those extra sections for EQAs? I disagree with sanctions	6/15/2020 10:52 AM
2	TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE SCORE	6/15/2020 10:24 AM
3	Increased fee	6/15/2020 10:05 AM
4	don't suggest	6/15/2020 8:12 AM
5	Don't agree.	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
6	I disagree with sanction	6/14/2020 9:06 PM
7	I don't agree	6/13/2020 8:03 AM
8	Do not agree with sanction. Make it 2 COD points for submission	6/13/2020 7:45 AM
9	deduct CPD points	6/10/2020 10:14 AM
10	No Sanction	6/9/2020 12:40 PM
11	I do not agree with sanctions.	6/8/2020 11:24 AM
12	Not applicable	6/7/2020 9:07 PM
13	I do not agree with sanctions - you might end up with lots of unsuitable slides just because people had to submit something	6/7/2020 11:54 AM
14	Cannot claim full 12 CPD/year	6/7/2020 6:24 AM
15	A warning first and then a penalty whichever deemed appropriate	6/6/2020 11:52 AM
16	Fine in the subscription charge.	6/6/2020 10:15 AM
17	Don't agree	6/6/2020 8:28 AM
18	No CPD points or reduced CPD points for that year's participation	6/4/2020 3:47 PM
19	It may not be possible for some colleagues to submit cases.	6/2/2020 2:18 PM
20	Don't agree with sanctions per se. Perhaps each department should submit regularly with local HOD co-ordinating.	6/2/2020 9:55 AM
21	letter to clinical director.	6/1/2020 4:21 PM
22	not really	6/1/2020 3:54 PM
23	Loss of one mark per round	6/1/2020 3:53 PM
24	n/a	6/1/2020 3:48 PM
25	Be given the opportunity to take a supplementary test. Sometimes there is a reason for not submitting.	6/1/2020 3:11 PM
26	Don't agree with sanctions	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
27	I do not agree with sanctions	6/1/2020 2:32 PM
28	Not many realistic reasonable sanctions available. Expulsion from the scheme would be far too drastic. You could withhold CPD points, but seeing as most CPD is self-declared, the lack of paper work isn't really but much a sanction.	6/1/2020 12:23 PM
29	I don't- if you are a locum paying EQA out of your own money you may not have access to be able to submit.	6/1/2020 12:15 PM
30	Letter If repeat offender removal of eligibility for one round	6/1/2020 12:11 PM
31	reduction in points	6/1/2020 12:01 PM



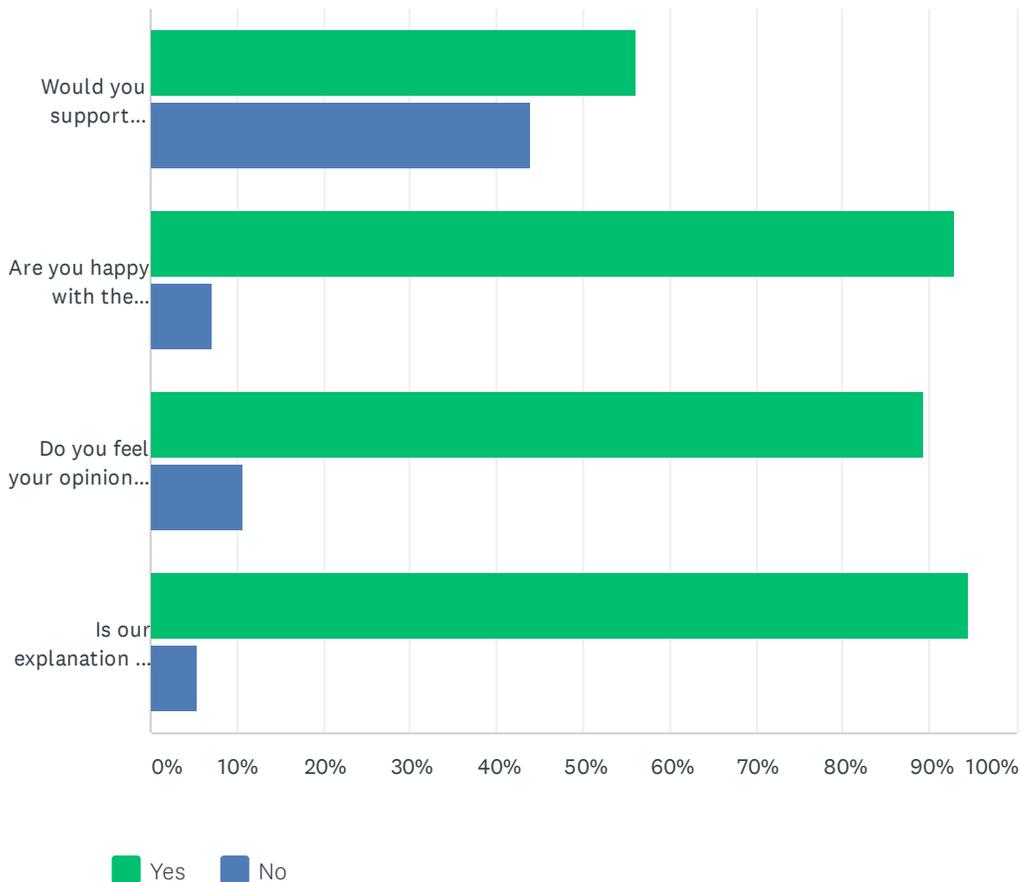
## Q5 If you don't agree with the suggestions made by colleagues, please let us know your ideas.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 39

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	does digital submission include sending a good photo from camera, in which case it is easy to include relevant immuno as well?	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	Freedom to submit cases from whatever the specialties the pathologists encounter as interesting. Those in bigger centres need to submit more than those in DGH who tend to get limited tissue for examination. Also the hospital where the scheme organiser is based. Allow even straight forward cases to be submitted. The scheme organiser has to quality check the suitability, appropriateness and educational quality of the cases. Not just randomly putting these cases in for a round. Weird rare cases which require expert opinions are more suitable for educational cases.	6/15/2020 10:52 AM
3	Increase points for submission of cases. Reuse cases from previous years.	6/15/2020 9:38 AM
4	I agree with the first suggestion	6/15/2020 8:12 AM
5	2 CPD points per submission. Carrots rather than sticks!	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
6	Leave it non-obligatory. Would suggest submission of cases up to one year old rather than restriction to 3 months only.	6/14/2020 9:06 PM
7	Continue current system but not necessary insisting on cases from specific body systems	6/13/2020 8:03 AM
8	The digital submission is a good option for small tissue samples and should be additional to the submission of slides	6/8/2020 11:24 AM
9	This topic needs to be discussed at the next Annual General Meeting which should include virtual attendance	6/6/2020 11:52 AM
10	N/A	6/4/2020 3:47 PM
11	See above, each department agrees to regular submission with local management by Clinical Lead	6/2/2020 9:55 AM
12	in what sense? answers to q3? eqa consensus?	6/1/2020 4:21 PM
13	submitting cases	6/1/2020 3:54 PM
14	n/a	6/1/2020 3:48 PM
15	-	6/1/2020 3:11 PM
16	Mandatory submission 1 per year should be doable.	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
17	no comments	6/1/2020 2:32 PM
18	Since this is supposed to be random cases from our work (rather than 'interesting') maybe there could be a way of saying 'the first gynae case on monday with x amount of tissue' and make it automatic with lab support rather than going back and thinking of cases.	6/1/2020 12:15 PM
19	Digital Submissions	6/1/2020 11:05 AM

## Q6 Consultation & Scoring

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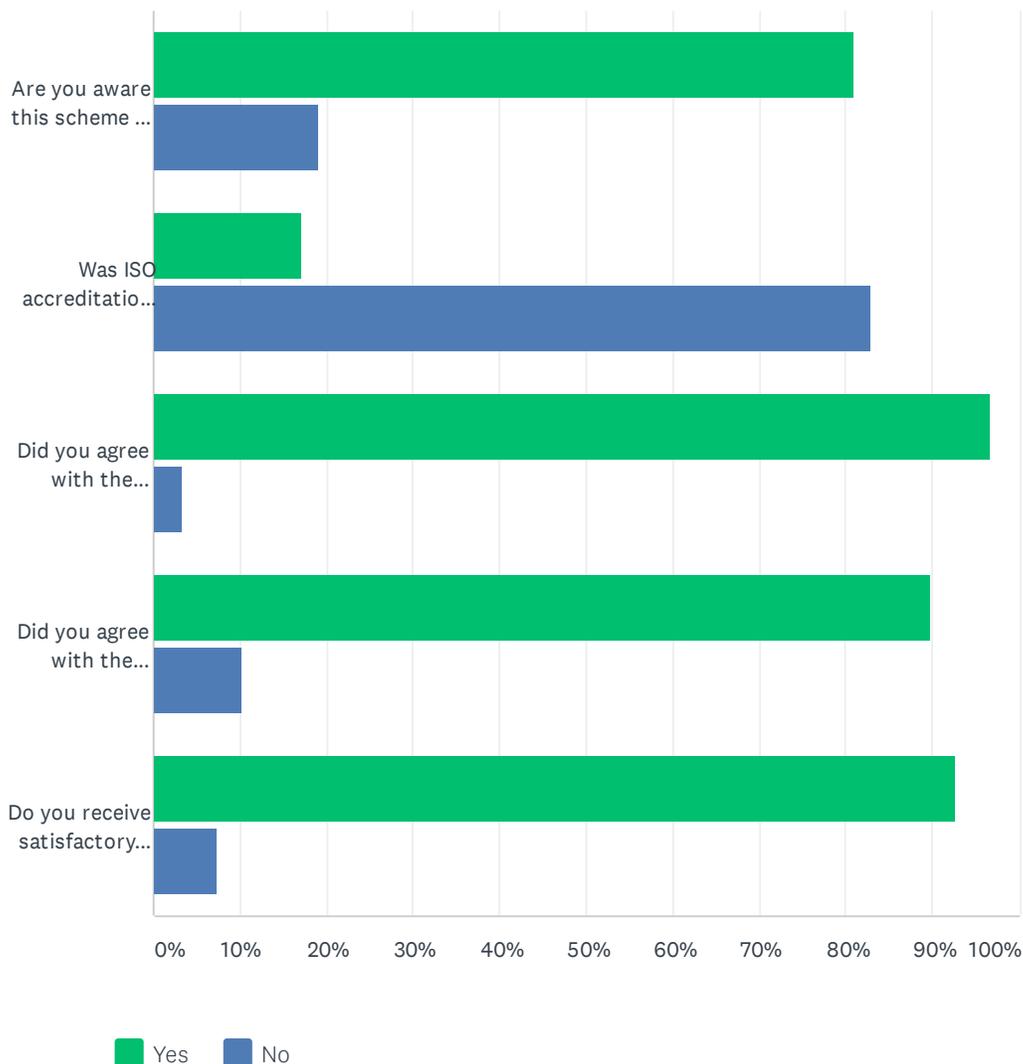
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Would you support mandatory participation for case consultations?	56.14% 32	43.86% 25	57
Are you happy with the methods employed for scoring & consultation?	92.98% 53	7.02% 4	57
Do you feel your opinions count?	89.29% 50	10.71% 6	56
Is our explanation of the scoring process on our website easy to understand? Click link here to review	94.64% 53	5.36% 3	56

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#	PLEASE COMMENT.	DATE
1	No comment - we already get an extra point for doing the case consultations and get regular CPD certificates with all submissions listed.	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	In a lot of other EQA schemes, cases are checked and controlled by the organisers so that only quality cases are included, not those that would cause so confusions with varied answers. Only one correct answer with some acceptable variations are accepted, which is not based on the majority of submitted answers, especially when that majority is in fact incorrect. This happened before on a number of occasions.	6/15/2020 10:52 AM
3	This is the first time I am participating in an EQA in this country. I have yet to form an opinion on this	6/8/2020 9:47 AM
4	Thank you for all the efforts	6/6/2020 11:52 AM
5	Nil	6/2/2020 12:39 PM
6	have argued for compulsory participation for years.	6/1/2020 4:21 PM

## Q7 Scheme administration

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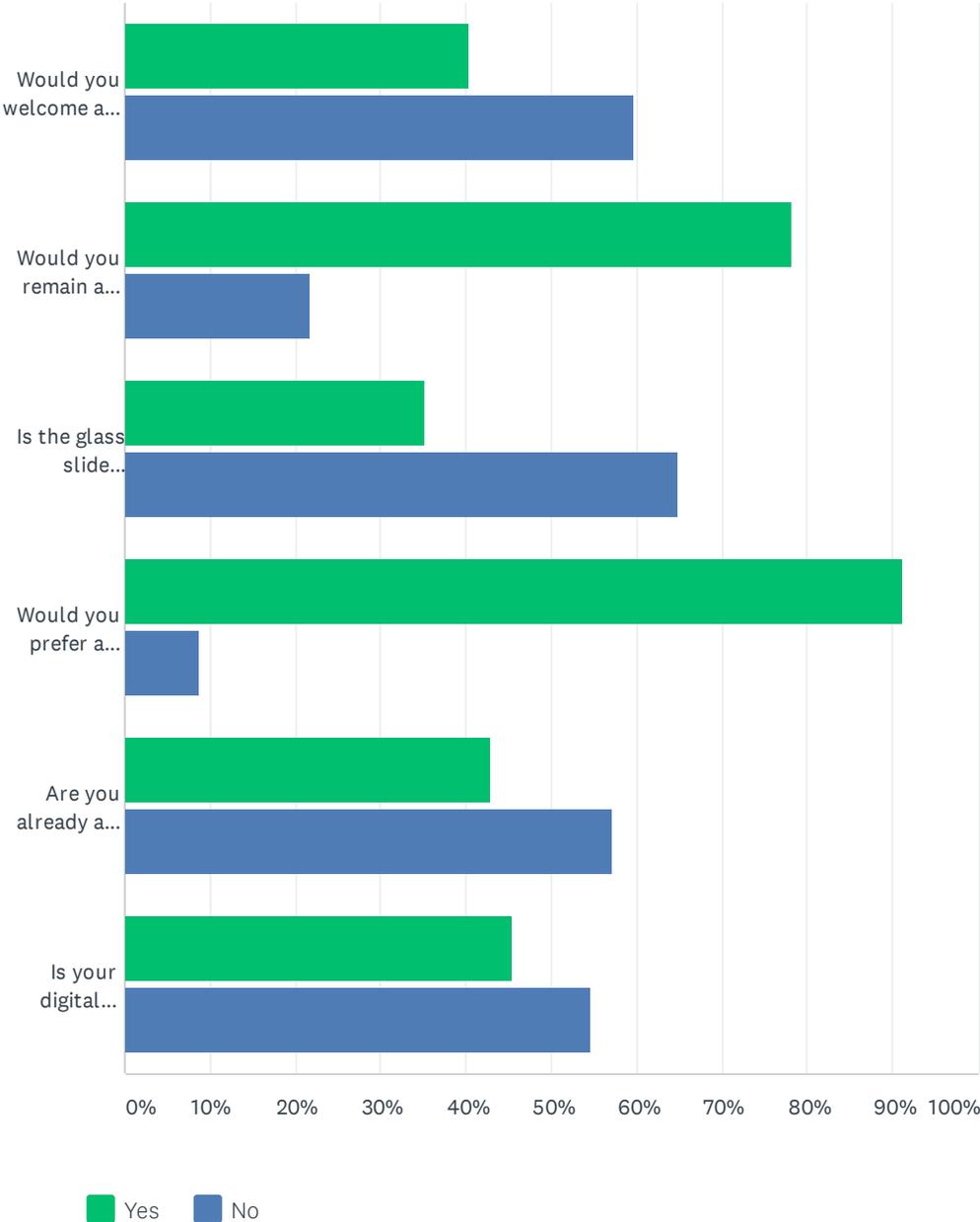
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Are you aware this scheme has full ISO 17043:2010 accreditation?	81.03% 47	18.97% 11	58
Was ISO accreditation a factor in choosing to participate in this scheme?	17.24% 10	82.76% 48	58
Did you agree with the decision to cancel the April round due to the national pressures of COVID-19?	96.55% 56	3.45% 2	58
Did you agree with the decision to complete Round m and issue your results?	89.66% 52	10.34% 6	58
Do you receive satisfactory answers to your queries and complaints?	92.73% 51	7.27% 4	55

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#	PLEASE COMMENT.	DATE
1	NA	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	Did not participate in m due to sick leave.	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
3	No complaints or issues so far.	6/8/2020 11:24 AM
4	Have no complaints regarding the running of the scheme	6/2/2020 12:39 PM
5	Last question is not applicable	6/1/2020 2:32 PM
6	the scheme is well run. The only comment I have is that no one likes doing EQA and when we got messages in the fear and run up to covid (during which eg pathologists have worked on the wards) made it feel like the organisers were on another planet. But that's life.	6/1/2020 12:15 PM

# Q8 Digital Schemes

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



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	YES	NO	TOTAL
Would you welcome a change to a digital only scheme?	40.35% 23	59.65% 34	57
Would you remain a participant of a digital only scheme?	78.18% 43	21.82% 12	55
Is the glass slide circulation the reason you joined the scheme?	35.09% 20	64.91% 37	57
Would you prefer a continuation of glass and digital slide circulation?	91.23% 52	8.77% 5	57
Are you already a member of a digital only EQA scheme?	42.86% 24	57.14% 32	56
Is your digital software easy to use?	45.45% 25	54.55% 30	55

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	would prefer quicker resolution of images as I scan the slide. The digital images put out by urology and gynae EQAs are quite good.	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	The problem is the IT departments in some hospitals are still very backward. Also, there is not even a decent camera in my department to take photomicrograph, let alone a camera in each pathologist's office, let alone sophisticated digital pathology.	6/15/2020 10:52 AM
3	I would prefer to see a gradual introduction of digital cases in each circulation rather than a digital only scheme.	6/8/2020 11:24 AM
4	Digital slides take much longer to review due to download speed and quality of image	6/7/2020 6:24 AM
5	Would agree with digital only scheme in the current climate. But would be nice to have the option of glass slides as well. Especially since our Trust IT isn't the best to view digital slides.	6/6/2020 8:28 AM
6	Dont know, have been using glass up till now	6/2/2020 2:18 PM
7	-	6/1/2020 3:11 PM
8	software can be slow.	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
9	Digital software is generally "easy to use", but less ergonomic to use and more time consuming.	6/1/2020 12:23 PM

## Q9 What digital EQA software do you currently use?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 19

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	?imagescope	6/15/2020 8:46 PM
2	Not sure	6/15/2020 4:19 PM
3	aperio	6/15/2020 3:27 PM
4	Not sure. I get up the EQA and click on H&E	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
5	I don't really understand this question. I have experienced with Bowel cancer screening digital EQA, pulmonary EQA and this EQA.	6/15/2020 10:52 AM
6	I DO NOT KNOW	6/15/2020 10:24 AM
7	GI, cytology	6/15/2020 10:05 AM
8	None	6/15/2020 9:38 AM
9	not sure	6/15/2020 8:12 AM
10	None.	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
11	Not sure	6/14/2020 9:06 PM
12	Not sure but our computers are awful	6/13/2020 8:03 AM
13	Phillips	6/13/2020 7:52 AM
14	histopathologyeqa.org (as urology EQA uses)	6/10/2020 4:52 PM
15	none	6/9/2020 12:40 PM
16	Leeds Virtual Microscope	6/8/2020 3:32 PM
17	Don't know	6/8/2020 2:52 PM
18	Leeds Pathology	6/8/2020 11:59 AM
19	Not sure of the software, I participate in the National breast EQA scheme which has three digital cases along with the glass cases	6/8/2020 11:24 AM
20	Aperio	6/8/2020 9:34 AM
21	None	6/7/2020 9:07 PM
22	ImageScope	6/7/2020 6:24 AM
23	National GI EQA scheme	6/6/2020 8:28 AM
24	None	6/4/2020 3:47 PM
25	Leeds software	6/2/2020 2:18 PM
26	Can't remember	6/2/2020 12:39 PM
27	Whatever host website provides. Nothing specific supplied by local IT	6/2/2020 9:55 AM
28	hosted by leeds	6/1/2020 4:21 PM
29	The one from Leeds (can't remember what it's called)!	6/1/2020 4:06 PM
30	not sure	6/1/2020 3:48 PM
31	Webscope I think. It doesn't matter.	6/1/2020 3:11 PM
32	Leceister site software	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
33	BCSP	6/1/2020 2:32 PM
34	Don't know	6/1/2020 1:43 PM
35	Slightly confusing question. There are 2 separate issues: the EQA administration and the software interface that allows you to use the view the whole slide image. The Leeds web-site	6/1/2020 12:23 PM

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deals with both admin and viewing, whilst EQAlite is used for GI/urology with viewing software via web browser (although others can be used).

36	Leica aperio	6/1/2020 12:11 PM
37	not sure; but cant access it at work pc	6/1/2020 12:01 PM
38	NA	6/1/2020 11:42 AM
39	I have to do any at home as Trust IT either blocks access or is so slow as to drive you mad	6/1/2020 11:18 AM

## Q10 Do you have any other further comments or suggestions about the EQA scheme?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 40

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It is difficult to get haematopathology as we send lymphoma or possible lymphoma away to Hammersmith. Also lung for our Trust is now done by a dedicated CTC department.	6/15/2020 11:18 AM
2	The quality of the EQA seems to be going down.	6/15/2020 10:52 AM
3	no	6/15/2020 10:05 AM
4	no	6/15/2020 8:12 AM
5	Why can't it be more supportive and educational (like real reporting) rather than punitive?	6/15/2020 8:06 AM
6	No	6/14/2020 9:06 PM
7	The Leeds Digital pathology Tools	6/6/2020 11:52 AM
8	None	6/2/2020 2:18 PM
9	No	6/2/2020 12:39 PM
10	Thank you for the effort and hard work.	6/2/2020 9:55 AM
11	Full digital seems the way to go.	6/1/2020 3:11 PM
12	The scheme needs to rely on cases where the diagnosis is almost all made on the H and E. The Maidstone EQA does this generally, others don't.	6/1/2020 3:00 PM
13	No	6/1/2020 2:32 PM
14	Pragmatically, it would be reasonable to add a digital-only component to increase submission. I know I often encounter good cases where there simply isn't enough material for 12 slides.	6/1/2020 12:23 PM
15	no	6/1/2020 12:15 PM
16	Thank you to all involved in this excellent scheme	6/1/2020 12:11 PM
17	no	6/1/2020 12:01 PM
18	Have belonged to previous scheme so idea I joined this for any reason other than a)had to belong to one and b)already belonged to this one since prehistoric times ie some questions not that relevant	6/1/2020 11:18 AM