

Participant regulations

Records and Confidentiality

Results and participant details are submitted to the PT Team in confidence and are not revealed to any third party except where required to do so by law, for example in association with a criminal prosecution or where accreditation bodies are informed of unsatisfactory performance.

Participant laboratory numbers or passwords will not be published by the PT Team at any time; this information is held confidentially by the PT Team and the participant.

Collusion and Falsification of Results

Laboratories must not submit results, which are false reflections of the performances of those laboratories' individual analysts, whether by collusion within or between laboratories, or by any other means.

Falsification of results is regarded as an extremely serious matter.

The following disciplinary procedures may be applied whenever there is clear documentary evidence of falsification of results or improper collusion.

- The relevant accreditation body will be informed
- The laboratory will revert to unclassified
- The membership of the laboratory may be suspended, subject to review by FPTSC.