



National Pathology Week

2–8 November 2009

Event title	From Corpuscles to Corpses: what pathologists really do
Venue	Local schools
Target audience	Variable-some year 10 groups, some year 11, 12 and 13
Objectives	The role of pathology in health care, career guidance, choices in medicine
Age range	Age 14 -18 years
How was the event advertised?	Letters written to all science teachers and careers teachers in Belfast area offering to visit the school
Number attending	Variable-from 10 to whole year group (200)
Booking required?	Yes - mutually convenient dates agreed with school
Length of event	From 30 minutes to 2 hours - variable
Refreshments provided?	Various schools provided lunch, boxes of chocolates, coffee etc
Equipment needed	PowerPoint presentation on USB stick - schools all provided data projector
People needed	Volunteer pathologists
Printed material used	NPW questionnaire sent round beforehand to determine level of knowledge about the role of pathologists
Room set up	Teaching classroom, school library or hall
Event programme	Several versions of lecture - one short, one long, one more aimed at medicine in general as a career choice, one aimed at pathology as a career choice After talk-Q&A session
Possible variations	
What did the audience particularly like?	Seeing images of diseases
What surprised the audience?	What tonsils looked like That pathologists had to be medically qualified
What else would the audience have liked?	More diseases More forensic pathology
How much preparation was involved?	Several hours preparing the talks, time taken to get to schools and back
Any other comments?	Would need several interested volunteers to take part rather than one person doing everything
Images	
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