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LHIN Laboratory
Medicine Network!

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Medicine Network

Thanks Everyone! Thank you for welcoming us into your sites, sharing your time with us and listening to how we have developed a new identity“CoLabs” for our collective network. CoLabs is a laboratory medicine network that delivers world-class services for hospitals and their patients. Efficient and cost-effective, our integrated network delivers accurate and timely laboratory results, enabling health care professionals to deliver exceptional care. We have completed sessions at all the hospital sites within the LHIN and this Newsletter summarizes your comments and some of the questions and answers.

Thanks again and see you soon, David.

Q: *Who makes the final decision on technology?* A: Each hospital makes the final decision incorporating the regional technology planning discussions.

“The name is great!” Q: *Was this branding work expensive?*
A: It was less than \$15K.

“Thank you for coming all the way down here!”

“We like the partnership approach and are used to it!”

Q: *Will this slow down capital purchases?*

Q: *Can we do group purchasing for Quality Documentation?* A: Great idea, we are looking into it.

A: Actually it should speed things up if we can extend contracts and have LHIN RFP teams so sites don’t have to duplicate this process.

“So far we have only seen work taken out of our Laboratory—it’ll be nice to have new work come in. Shared at JBH in response to the new laboratory space and proposed Molecular testing.”

“The name has OLA in it!”

Q: *How does this impact local identity?* A: This does not change your local name—CoLabs is a new name for our collective lab network.

Q: *How does this impact staffing?* A: CoLabs has no planned staffing initiatives. There may be local initiatives underway in sites, but all staff have been informed of these.

Q: *Can we share more? Job Postings? SOPs?* A: YES! We are working on it.