



# Monitor

## Welcome to *Monitor* Issue 65



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Hello again, and welcome to Issue 65 of *Monitor*, the twice-yearly newsletter of the UKHSA's Personal Dosimetry Service (PDS).

Much has happened in PDS since the last issue of the newsletter was published in the autumn of 2023, examples being: -

- We have completed our Lab- and office refurbishment, putting us in great shape for the future as our business continues to grow
- We have continued to take on and train new staff, again positioning ourselves well for the future
- We continue to demonstrate our expertise in personal dosimetry, having helped organise an important EURADOS meeting at Oxford University in April this year

We like to think that in this issue of *Monitor* we have, as usual, provided something of interest to all our readers out there, including: -

- Kinga Zmijewska, PDS Technical Development Manager, talks through our first ever PDS Open Day, the first of many that we wish to roll out in the future
- We have a report of the EURADOS 2024 Annual Meeting which PDS hosted at Oxford University in April
- As usual at this time of year, we include the new PDS price list for dosimeters and associated services, where we have kept our price rises as low as possible
- We also include a short overview of the Conferences and Exhibitions that PDS will be attending throughout 2024
- We feature the new members of PDS who have joined us since the last issue of *Monitor*
- Finally, there is a short obituary for Lyndon Cross, a much-valued colleague in our Dosimeter Logistics Office who, sadly, died just before Christmas 2023

One final thing I would like to say and that is a big “thank you” to you all in continuing to send your dosimeters back to us. Recent events with our patchy postal service led to dosimeters being returned late (and sometimes not at all), so many thanks again in helping us to help you.

## Conferences and Exhibitions in 2024

UKHSA PDS will be exhibiting at or attending the following events in 2024. As usual, if you see us at any of these events, then please pop by our stand and grab us for a coffee and a chat.



**Joint hosts of the EURADOS Annual Meeting  
Oxford University Examination School**  
8th – 11th April  
(see the article in this issue)



**The Society for Radiological Protection (SRP) Annual Conference 2024**  
(NB: PDS is on Stand 29)  
The Welcome Building, Eastbourne  
14th – 16th May 2024

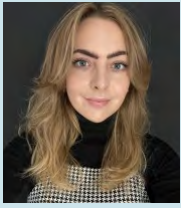


**The Institute of Physics & Engineering in Medicine (IPEM) RPA Update**  
M Shed, Bristol  
18th – 19th June 2024



**Association of University Radiation Protection Officers (AURPO) Annual Conference & AGM 2024**  
Keele University  
3rd – 4th September 2024

## PDS Open Day News



**Kinga Zmijewska**  
PDS Technical Development Manager  
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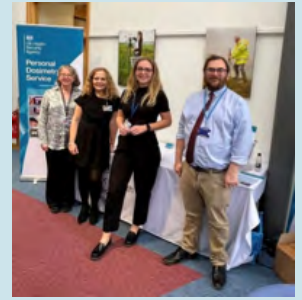
We held our very first PDS Open Day in October 2023, the day turning out to be a huge success with over 60 attendees coming to visit us from all over the UK.

The day consisted of conducted tours of our newly refurbished lab and offices, and the new PDS Emergency Response lab. There were also two presentations delivered: Paul Wells presented and demonstrated our new online portal, CLARA, whilst the second presentation concerned the tests that we have been conducting on our choice of Electronic Personal Dosemeters (EPDs), which we hope will become an additional part of our service in the future. There were also representatives from UKHSA's Radon and Radiation Metrology groups there throughout the day.

All attendees were asked to complete a short survey to provide us with feedback on how they found the day and, out of those who responded, a whopping 97% said that they would recommend a future Open Day to a colleague!

Due to the obvious success of our first PDS Open Day, we are already looking at how to make the next one even better.

So ... **Save the Date!**



Monday October 28th 2024 is the date scheduled for our next PDS Open Day, where we are hoping to have an even wider range of presentation topics and speakers from other UKHSA Radiation-specific Departments.

More information will be available closer to the time, so keep an eye on your e-mail!

## Prices from April 2024

Listed below are new PDS prices for our dosimeters and associated services, effective from 1st April 2024. As usual, these prices do not show volume discounts, though the prices shown will lead to discounted prices beyond certain thresholds; please contact PDS Customer Services for details if required (their contact details are listed on the back page of this issue).

ITEM / SERVICE	WEAR PERIOD	PRICE (EA.)
TLD	2-weekly, 4-weekly & monthly *	£7.89
	8-weekly & bi-monthly *	£8.79
	12-weekly, 13-weekly & quarterly *	£10.00
Extremity Stall	All wear periods *	£10.78
Extremity Ring	All wear periods *	£12.10
PADC / Neutron	All wear periods *	£47.06
	<b>Quantity</b>	
PADC / Radon All Wear Periods	1 to 5 wearers	£129.00 - £250.00 p.a.
	6 to 250 wearers	£47.06
Unreturned TLDs	All wear periods	£25.00
Unreturned Extremities	All wear periods	£30.00
TLD Holders	Replacement TLD holder	£3.05
Printed Reports	Per client site	£105.00
Dose Record Keeping with UKHSA Dosemeters	Initial registration fee covering a minimum of 12 months	£33.80
	Renewal fee for subsequent years <b>NB:</b> Price decreases with quantity	£19.95
Dose Record Keeping non-UKHSA Dosemeters	Initial registration fee covering a minimum of 12 months	£125.30
	Renewal fee for subsequent years <b>NB:</b> Price decreases with quantity	£100.00
Special Entries / Manual Entries to Dose Records	<b>NB:</b> The first two entries per year are free-of-charge	£9.45
Estimated doses - basic		£9.45
Radiation Passbooks	Next-working-day despatch	£30.71
	Standard despatch	£19.27

\* **NB:** Orders are subject to a minimum order charge of £65.00; also, additions to the above table since a year ago are highlighted.

All prices apply to European delivery addresses only and exclude VAT, which will be added to charges where applicable. All goods supplied based on these prices are subject to UKHSA's standard Terms & Conditions of supply, available on request. Likewise, courier- and special-delivery charges can be supplied on request.

# UKHSA Hosts EURADOS Meeting in Oxford

UKHSA hosted the Annual Meeting of EURADOS (The European Radiation Dosimetry Group) at the University Examination Schools, Oxford from 8th to 11th April this year. We last hosted this event at Chilton in 2006 (as the then Health Protection Agency), when the attendance exceeded 100 for the first time. Since then, EURADOS has gone from strength to strength, the exciting programme and venue drawing over 350 scientists from around the world, including those from the US, Canada, Japan, Korea and across Europe, making it the best-attended EURADOS conference to-date.



**Above: Most of the attendees at the EURADOS Annual Meeting 2024 in Oxford**  
(All pictures courtesy of Chloe Giles of PDS)

The April Annual Meeting hosted the EURADOS General Assembly, working group meetings, a school and its largest-ever exhibition. Managed by its Council, of which Rick Tanner of UKHSA is an elected member, it has over 70 Voting Members, of which UKHSA is one. There are over 850 Associate members of EURADOS, typically scientists working in radiation protection and dosimetry. This year featured a training course run by UKHSA's own Jon Eakins on the subject of *Monte Carlo Modelling: Basic concepts, available resources, and applications in radiological protection*.



**Delegates were welcomed to the meeting at an opening reception held in the Oxford University Examination Schools, with EURADOS represented by its Chair, Filip Vanhavere (SCK-CEN), the UKHSA being represented by Ed Wynne-Evans, UKHSA's Director of Radiation, Chemical & Environmental Hazards (see picture above). The venue proved to be a popular one for the reception.**

The work of EURADOS, encompassing collaborative research, training and intercomparison work (fundamental to the accreditation of services throughout Europe), is performed by nine working groups, two of which are chaired by UKHSA scientists:

- WG2 – Harmonisation of individual monitoring (Chair, Nicky Gibbens of PDS)
- WG10 – Retrospective dosimetry (Chair, Liz Ainsbury, Head of Radiation Effects)



**Above: Nicky Gibbens and Liz Ainsbury presenting their Working Groups to the EURADOS General Assembly**

EURADOS24 was a great success, though the event could not have run so smoothly without the efforts of UKHSA staff who contributed much to the planning of the conference and local organisation during the meeting. Kerry Whiteway, Chloe Giles, Kinga Zmijewska and Hannah Mancey stand out as having been crucial to the success of the meeting.

If you would like to know more about EURADOS please contact Nicky Gibbens (contact details in this issue). Who knows? You might just make it to Bucharest for AM2025!



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## Obituary: Lyndon Cross

It is with great sadness that we announce the death, after a sudden illness, of one of our key PDS staff members, Lyndon Cross.

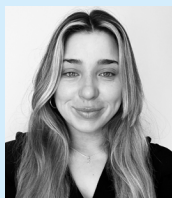
Lyndon was with us for less than a year, but in that short time he had established himself as a valued member of PDS's Dosemeter Logistics Office (DLO). His evident can-do attitude, his professionalism, and his self-discipline – all perhaps resulting from so many years' service in the RAF – were a credit to him and to the wider PDS family. We will miss greatly his rather wacky sense of humour and his almost encyclopedic knowledge of rock music.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Lyndon's wife, Angie, to his wider family, and to his friends.



## Say "Hello" to Our New PDS Staff ...

PDS continues to recruit new people to the department given our ever-expanding workload, so please welcome the following newcomers to our ranks, all of whom have joined us since the previous issue of *Monitor* was published last autumn:



**Chloe Giles** has joined us as our Customer Liaison Officer, a new role in PDS to help us in defining a future PDS Emergency Response plan and increase customer interaction.



**Udo Nwosu** ("Udi") has likewise joined our Customer Services team as a Customer Services Administrator, working with us full time.



**Keerthi Harikuttan** has joined our busy Dose Records team as our new co-ordinator for HSE's CIDI (the Central Index of Dose Information).



**Josiah Lyder** has joined us as a Lab Technician, and he will be increasingly involved in the preparation of our extremity dosimeters.

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