

Tally of comments on moderation forms

The forms used by moderators use coded columns for the judgements on the marking of each LAP processed. Using this, the moderators encode judgements on the quality of the marking and give indications of whether the results yielded are accurate, or should be raised or lowered. At the end of each row of data is space for a comment.

Moderators were given written instructions discouraging comments that simply repeated what was already encoded, or which provided no additional insight. (They were specifically requested not to write things like “Good work” or “Not good enough”.) However, they were required to note anything that could be considered poor or dishonest practice in a way that threw light on the nature of the problem.

The vast majority of site moderation forms therefore have no comments, although a fair number of “harmless” comments can be found scattered through the forms.

The largest problem was the incidence of sites with sets of LAPs of which some or all were in fact unmarked (147) – even though they were usually signed off by Supervisors and Coordinators as required.

In accurate marking was mentioned in the case of 30 sites. Here specific questions were either not marked, or were given a mark when they hadn’t been completed.

Queries about the credibility of the handwriting were listed for 10 sites, though individual instances are occasionally found in otherwise clean sets.

The moderation sheets have been said aside for referral to KRG management where significant comments indicate serious problems.