

Clinical Audit Awards 2010

Categories

Partnership working

Projects in this category should demonstrate partnership working between organisations.

What we are looking for:

Clinical audit projects that have been carried out jointly with other organisations, this could include working across NHS sectors; with trusts from the same sector; social care; industry and/or independent healthcare organisations such as charities or private healthcare.

Sustained improvement

Projects in this category should demonstrate sustained improvement following a completed audit cycle, this may be through re-audit or other means.

What we are looking for:

Clinical audit projects that have been through at least two cycles, or the equivalent, and show that practice has improved. We will also be looking for innovative methods of changing practice that have ensured continuing good practice.

Patient involvement in clinical audit

Projects in this category should have a strong patient involvement element to the audit.

What we are looking for:

Clinical audit projects that have involved patients. This may be in the planning, development and delivery, or may include innovative approaches to collecting or triangulating information from patients. Ideally patients, carers or service users will have been involved to some degree in all stages of the clinical audit process, including action planning.

Patient safety

Projects in this category should demonstrate how it has contributed to improved, safe patient care.

What we are looking for:

This could cover any area of patient safety. Examples may include clinical audits following patient safety alerts or local risk assessments, informed consent, hygiene or slips/trips/falls.

Local improvement following national audit participation

Projects in this category may include clinical audits inside or outside of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme. However, they must be clinical audits that have been carried out across England.

What we are looking for:

Evidence of improvements in practice and patient care following the results of a national audit, this may come from a national re-audit or be evidenced locally.

Creating or improving efficiencies

Projects in this category should demonstrate how and where savings have been made whilst continuing to improve, or at the very least not compromise, the quality of patient care.

What we are looking for:

This may include clear evidence where financial savings have been made or where services have been streamlined to be more efficient.

Gold Award

Projects in this category may be entered into one or more of the other categories, but must include aspects required from the three or more categories.

What we are looking for:

A clinical audit entered in this category may, for example, have a patient safety focus that is carried out in partnership with other organisations and patients, carers or service users. Another example could include working in partnership with other organisations to improve practice following a national audit which resulted in a more streamlined service, thereby better utilising resources.