

1st Annual Health and Social Care Quality Awards

Call for Submissions

Tuesday 17 April 2012, Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey

GAIN is pleased to announce their 1st Annual Health and Social Care Quality Award. This event will be incorporated with the GAIN Annual Conference and we would like to invite submissions for the following areas:

- Service Improvement & Innovation
- Patient/Client Safety
- Audit

Abstract Selection

- A panel of judges will choose three projects from each of the three areas mentioned above. These people will be offered the opportunity to present at the Annual GAIN Conference on 17 April 2012.
- Those who have not been selected to give an oral presentation will be offered to prepare a poster presentation.

Competition Selection Format

- 1) All entries must be submitted by **13 February 2012**
- 2) Initial judging will take place in the three weeks following and by 12 March 2012 all entrants will have received feedback on whether they will be asked to give an oral or poster presentation.
- 3) Finalists will then be invited to attend the conference on 17 April 2012 to take part in a short capsule presentation and panel style question time.
- 4) Poster presentations will be judged and a prize awarded to the best two posters.

Winners

Winners will be selected as follows:

Poster Presentations – One per category

Oral Presentations – One per Category and one overall winner.

The winning entry will be selected jointly by the judging panels and delegates present on the day of the annual conference using an audience response system and will be announced during the afternoon session of the conference.

All submissions should be emailed to gain@dhsspsni.gov.uk

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **13 February 2012** any entries received after this date will not be accepted.

Definitions

Service improvement/innovation is concerned with testing ideas, sustaining and sharing best practice to make a tangible difference in outcomes and experience for staff and service users. (Department of Health, 2008)

Source: Department of Health. (2008). 'Making the difference: The Pacesetters beginner's guide to service improvement for equality and diversity in the NHS'. London, DoH.

Audit involves improving the quality of patient/client care by looking at current practice and modifying it where necessary.

Source: 1989 White Paper Working for Patients.

Patient/Client safety is the prevention of errors and adverse effects to patients/clients associated with health and social care.

Source: WHO www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/Health-systems/patient-safety

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GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPETITION

All submissions should:

- Be completed using the attached form
- Be a current project , ie, carried out in 2008 – 2011
- Be relevant and appropriate topic focused on improving patient/client care
- Have clearly stated criteria and standards with reference to evidence
- Have a sufficient sample size to generate meaningful results
- Display results clearly and succinctly
- Have produced recommendations and an action plan
- Include: title, author details (name, job title, and organisation).
- Have a maximum of 600 words (Please note that longer submissions will not be reviewed)
- Re-audits are extremely welcome.

Submissions can relate to local, regional or national quality improvement projects. Failure to follow the above may result in your submission being rejected, regardless of content.

Submission will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to clinical audit
- Knowledge and practice
- Originality
- Completeness
- Comprehensiveness
- Clarity of objectives
- Methodology
- Results & Conclusions
- Evidence of Implementation of Audit Recommendations.

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**1st Annual Health and Social Care Quality Award
 Submission Form**

Title	
Authors Name	Job Title
Organisation	Address
Telephone Number	Email Address
Aims	
Objectives	
Methodology	
Results	
Conclusions	
Evidence of Implementation of Audit Recommendations	
Impact to Patient/Client care	