

How we work

The Invited Reviews Service in detail



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help you to improve your paediatric service
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The RCPCH Invited Reviews Service

We support healthcare organisations, commissioners and clinical teams to resolve concerns about paediatric service provision, safety, training, compliance with standards, and proposals for paediatric reconfiguration or service design.

With an in-depth knowledge of standards and service models, and access to expert clinicians, we can help you work towards sustainable services with improved outcomes for children and young people and compliant, effective working arrangements for professionals.

Our service is confidential influential, quality assured and tailored to each organisation's needs.



Talk to us

We welcome enquiries from healthcare organisations (usually the Medical Director or Chief Executive) and commissioners, and would be happy to discuss in confidence, without obligation, how our service may be able to help.



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Our Invited Reviews fall into three main categories:

- Service reviews – which include investigations into safety, quality or sustainability concerns or an overall developmental ‘health check’ of a service;
- Design reviews – where a more detailed analysis of whole-service provision may result in structural change to a service;
- Individual Performance reviews – which examine the clinical practice of an individual doctor or doctors within the context of the service in which they are working

Why use the RCPCH for your Invited Reviews?

We are committed to developing standards for continuous improvement in children’s health and medical care. RCPCH Invited Reviews offer an independent but realistic perspective when concerns are raised over the care being provided by an individual paediatrician or a paediatric service. We are keen to be involved at an early stage and can advise on approaches to safety, reconfiguration, service design and workforce planning.

Benefits of involving the RCPCH early in resolving concerns include:

- Centrally managed liaison and communication
- Consistent approach, but tailored to the individual situation
- At least two experienced / specialist reviewers providing assurance, perspective, and breadth of knowledge
- Clear timescales for report delivery
- Quality assurance and endorsement by the RCPCH
- Formal involvement of experienced clinicians from nursing, obstetrics, emergency medicine, etc if required
- Links to extensive data, information, expertise and advice held uniquely by the RCPCH, including policy and specialist clinical comment
- All-inclusive single costing covers fees, expenses and administration
- Professional communications and media team, and expertise in patient and public engagement, should it be required



Offer your expertise

We welcome applications from experienced consultant (or equivalent) paediatricians to join our panel of reviewers.

For more information about the skills we are looking for and the benefits of doing this work, visit:

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Or, contact us in confidence by using the details opposite.

The Invited Reviews process

