

**West Midlands Division Annual Prize for Clinical Audit
/ Quality Improvement Project**



Entries are invited from foundation doctors, core psychiatric trainees (CT1-CT3) and specialty (SAS) doctors working within the West Midlands Division.

Entries must be submitted to: westmidlands@rcpsych.ac.uk

The closing date for entries is 31 October

The West Midlands Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has established a prize for a clinical audit / quality improvement project.

Entrants are invited to submit a description of a completed clinical audit to which they have made a significant contribution. The audit must be a completed cycle rather than a preliminary standing setting investigation or a simple descriptive study.

The quality improvement project will aim to improve quality of health services in making healthcare safer, effective, patient centred and efficient. The quality improvement project must have clear aims and demonstrate what aspect of the health services was targeted and improved in the project.

Entrants should have made a significant contribution to the audit / quality improvement project at conception and implementation phases, and the study should have begun not more than two years before submitting for the prize. It may be conducted by an individual alone, but consideration will be given to a multi-disciplinary audit.

The description should comprise a 1500-2000 word summary setting out the background to the project, the work involved and the outcome, and be accompanied by a letter confirming their participation from either their tutor or consultant supervisor.

A panel of three judges appointed by the West Midlands Division Executive Committee will be asked to assess how the audit / quality improvement project has been used to affect clinical practice.

Prize: The winner will receive complimentary attendance to the West Midlands Division Winter Academic Meeting on **Friday 29 November** to present their audit. The winner will be presented with a trophy and certificate.

For further information about the winter academic meeting, please contact the West Midlands Division office

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