Costs for the 2021 membership period

**POMH-UK** is open to all specialist mental health services in the UK and Ireland. The fee for Trust/organisation membership is £5,200 + VAT for the 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 membership period. This enables services to participate in all of our QI programmes or to select those that they consider appropriate.

We offer a discounted rate of £14,850 + VAT for organisations that join for three years.

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**Find out more**

Find out more about **POMH-UK** and membership on our website at [www.rcpsych.ac.uk/pomh](http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/pomh)

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What is the Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health (POMH-UK)?

The Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health (POMH-UK) is based at the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ Centre for Quality Improvement. We run national Quality Improvement Programmes (QIPs) open to all UK specialist mental health services.

Services that are members of POMH-UK take part in audit-based QI programmes that focus on specific topics within mental health prescribing. We support clinical services to improve the quality of their prescribing practice and reduce risks associated with medicines management.

Wide participation in the clinical audits creates a picture of prescribing practice nationally. Member organisations are able to identify where their prescribing practice meets evidence-based standards along with areas for improvement, where local intervention may be warranted.

Example of POMH-UK benchmarked reporting:

![Benchmarked reporting chart](chart.png)

How POMH-UK supports clinicians and services

Over the last fifteen years, active participation in POMH-UK QI programmes has helped services in individual Trusts and nationally to improve the quality of prescribing, monitoring and review of psychotropic medication.

Participation can also help your organisation demonstrate that it is meeting national requirements by:

- Providing evidence relevant to the local implementation of NICE guidelines and compliance with best practice standards
- Informing local QI initiatives
- Providing data for Trust Quality Accounts
- Providing clinical staff with the opportunity to become more familiar with the audit process as a tool for quality improvement

We provide:

- **Support to help clinical services measure practice** against national standards and agreed best practice
- **Clear, customised reports for each QI programme** that allow services to confidentially benchmark their prescribing practice against other services and the national sample
- **Change interventions** where appropriate, specifically designed for individual QI programmes to support specialist mental health services improve local practice
- **Opportunities for sharing good practice** through our regional events, regular updates on the POMH-UK programme and access to the members’ area of our website. In 2021, support and updates for members will also be provided through a series of webinars

Quality improvement programmes for the 2021 membership period

The POMH-UK team provide participants with all the help needed to measure practice in a QI programme area. We develop the data collection tools, services enter their data online and then we undertake the analysis.

In 2020, POMH-UK QI programmes have addressed:

- The use of psychotropic medication in people with learning disabilities
- Prescribing valproate, including implementation of the mandated MHRA pregnancy prevention programme

In support of QI programmes in 2021, members will be able to take advantage of an updated online members’ area, improved report designs and digital copies of audit tools with editable fields for data collection, reducing the need to print.

A 15-year report on the impact of POMH data will also be available to all our member Trusts.

QI programmes with data collection in the 2021 membership period will address:

- The quality of clozapine prescribing
- Prescribing for substance use: alcohol detoxification
- Prescribing for depression in adult mental health services