

Using NICE guidance or quality standards to improve services?

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Learning Award



Have you used NICE guidance or quality standards to improve the quality of care provided by your organisation? Are you willing to share your own experience with others whilst getting recognised for your own great work?



NICE's Shared Learning Collection features hundreds of examples of how NICE guidance and quality standards have been used to improve services across a wide range of health and care settings.

To search for examples or submit your own, visit:
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Examples using any NICE guidance or quality standard are welcomed. We are particularly keen to receive examples showing how our guidance has been used to deliver new models of care, integrated services, social care and cost saving implementation of technology appraisals guidance.

Each year all newly published examples are considered for the prestigious NICE Shared Learning Awards, presented at the NICE annual conference.

Tell us your story

Your Shared Learning example needs to be easy for others to understand. Stick to the most important facts and tell us what you did, why, how, what you achieved and, most importantly, what you learned from your experience of using NICE guidance or standards in your organisation.

Use short sentences: 15–20 words are ideal and 30 words the maximum. Avoid repetition and use active sentences ('we did x', rather than 'x was done'). Use bullet lists to simplify your main points but keep lists short. To make your example easier to read, split content into manageable sections or chunks.

Use plain English and avoid jargon. Avoid using too many abbreviations, but be guided by common sense and thinking about your audience. Spell out any abbreviations the first time they are used.

Tips for completing the submission template

➤ Your name and contact details	Use the drop-down menus to select the region, type of organisation and sector you work in. Please indicate whether you are willing to share your contact details on the NICE website.
➤ Title of submission	Provide a short, descriptive title - ideally stating the main focus and benefits of your initiative. For example, 'Electronic blood transfusion: improving safety and efficiency of transfusion systems'.
➤ Description	We need to understand the context of your submission: please include a brief summary of your project.
➤ Does the example relate to general implementation or specific NICE guidance or quality standards?	Use the options provided to select whether your submission is an example of general implementation (i.e. a process to implement new national guidelines) or whether it relates to specific NICE guidance or quality standards. If specific guidance is relevant, use the search box to select the guidance (for example, for 'transition from children's to adult's services for young people using health or care services', enter 'NG43').
➤ Aim and objectives	Describe the aim and main objectives of your initiative and how they relate to the specific NICE guidance or quality standard that is the focus of your submission.
➤ Reasons for implementing the project	What was happening before the project started and why was the change needed? Did you carry out a baseline assessment? What opportunities for improvement had you identified? Include any relevant local population demographics.
➤ How did you implement the project?	What challenges did you face and how did you overcome these? Did you involve patients, carers or other stakeholders? If your project incurred costs, please include details and the source of funding.
➤ Key findings	What were the main results? (Please use both quantitative and qualitative data if possible.) What impact has the project or changes had on patient or service user outcomes? What cost savings and increases in efficiency and productivity were made? Did you achieve or exceed the initial aims and objectives?
➤ Key learning points	What pointers would you give to someone from another organisation facing similar challenges? What worked and what should they avoid? Share learning from difficulties you faced, as well as your successes.

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