

Guide to commenting – Panel members

The GP Reference Panel exists to capture the wide range of experience and insight that GPs have. Therefore we are really happy to have comments in any style. Here are a few pointers to help:

Do

Offer advice on any and all topics you have insight into. You don't have to be an expert in that topic / area to comment.

Comment on as many topics as you are able to. You will receive a thank you letter each September, listing the topics you have commented on in the previous 12 months. This is useful evidence for appraisal and revalidation.

Offer insights from your everyday practice, even if they aren't covered in the specific questions.

Think broadly about the topic area and the type of challenges it presents in everyday practice when we ask for advice at pre scoping phase (this is when NICE are deciding what a new guideline will actually cover),.

Inform us of local or personal experience that you think differs from elsewhere, but please briefly describe the situation or reasons for your responses.

Maintain patient confidentiality (so fully anonymise comments)

Comment on how easy the recommendations are to understand, or on the language used, as well as the clinical content.

Tell your colleagues! We are always looking for new panel members and would appreciate your help with recruitment.

Keep an eye on the [panel page](#) of the NICE website.

Feel free to email us with any comments you have on current NICE guidelines which you find challenging to implement or where the recommendations are not fit for purpose in primary care.

Send us any feedback or suggestions on how we could improve our processes to make it easier for you to offer your comments.

Consider applying to join a committee or attend a stakeholder workshop. In the question emails we will include a link to the guideline page which has recruitment and workshop details.

Don't

Don't feel you have to make comments which are backed up by evidence or expertise (but if you do have that knowledge then do share it)

Don't feel you need to write your comments in formal language.

Don't worry about the length of your comments; even very concise insights are very welcome.

Don't feel obliged to read or comment on the whole document when we occasionally send you draft recommendations. These are long documents and we know you probably don't have the time to read everything. Comments on even just one of the key recommendations for primary care are really valuable