‘The recommendations have supported us in transforming our service – I would not have any hesitation in recommending the RCP to all medical directors of trusts.’

Medical director, NHS foundation trust

How do I ask for a review?
Please contact the review team to discuss how the RCP can assist.

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Supporting healthcare organisations to improve patient care
What is an invited review?

Suitable for all medical specialties, invited reviews (IRs) provide an opportunity for healthcare organisations to deal with problems at an early stage before serious concerns arise. IRs are physician-led, and the primary purpose of this work is to ensure patient safety and improve patient care. Reviews bring together relevant specialists and, where appropriate, other healthcare professional(s) and lay reviewers.

Do you have an issue that needs independent advice or is proving difficult to resolve?

Request a review from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) for independent, external assurance that offers you support, advice and recommendations.

What type of reviews do we offer?

- Departmental: teamworking, leadership, planning, governance and workforce.
- Service delivery/design: also looking at organisational working/interaction/position and overall strategy.
- Whole system: also exploring interaction with other hospitals, care agencies, commissioners and wider networks.
- Individual: help identify whether there is a cause for concern about any aspect of a doctor’s practice.
- Clinical record reviews: offer an independent expert opinion on the management of a specific case or series of cases.

Benefits of involving the RCP in a review

- Physician-led, with at least two experienced specialist clinicians providing assurance, expertise and breadth of knowledge.
- Cost-effective.
- Support throughout the process.
- Consistent approach tailored to your organisation's situation.
- Quality assurance and endorsed by the RCP.
- Advice from the RCP’s Media Team if necessary.