

RCGP North Scotland Faculty Cluster Quality Improvement Project Award

2026



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The RCGP North Scotland Faculty Cluster Quality Improvement Project Award recognises a local improvement project that has made a meaningful contribution to improving quality in general practice across the North of Scotland Faculty area.

The award celebrates peer-led improvement, collaboration and shared learning across practices. We welcome nominations that show how a local priority was identified, how collaborative working addressed it, and what benefit the project has had for patients, practices, staff or the wider system.



Projects may focus on a range of areas, including patient care, access, safety, equity, prescribing, staff wellbeing, interface working, demand and capacity, or other aspects of quality improvement in primary care.

This award is intended to highlight and share examples of effective cluster working, and to recognise the important role clusters play in supporting improvement, innovation and learning across general practice.





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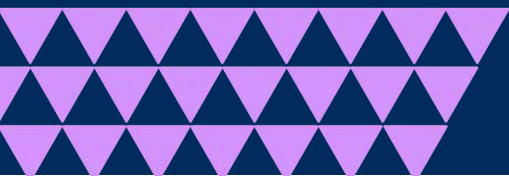


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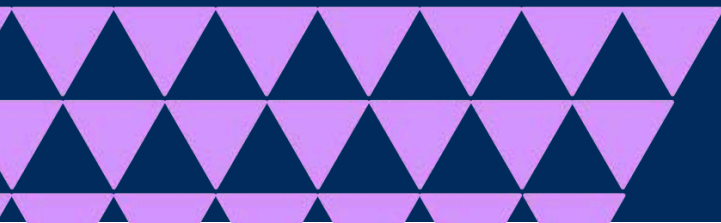
1. The RCGP North Scotland Faculty Cluster Quality Improvement Project Award is open to projects undertaken within the RCGP North Scotland Faculty area.
2. For the purposes of this award, the North Scotland Faculty area includes practices within NHS Highland and NHS Western Isles.
3. The award is intended to recognise a local improvement project that demonstrates innovation, collaboration and a clear contribution to quality improvement in general practice across more than one practice.
4. Projects should have been completed or have demonstrated clear results within the last 2 years.
5. Entries should show evidence of shared learning or collaboration.



Eligibility and Criteria



6. Projects may have started within a single practice, including as a GP registrar QIP project.
7. Submissions should describe the project clearly and concisely, and should not include patient identifiable information.
8. Projects may focus on a range of areas relevant to quality improvement, including patient care, access, safety, equity, prescribing, staff wellbeing, interface working, demand and capacity, or other locally identified priorities.
9. Entry is by nomination, including self-nomination, and must be made online via our application platform.
10. The closing date for receipt of applications is 10 July 2026.





Entries will be judged on the following areas:

Collaboration and shared learning

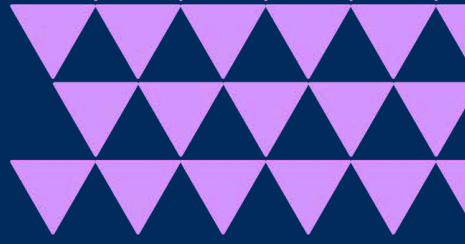
The project should demonstrate peer-led improvement, cross-practice collaboration, and learning shared within a cluster or more widely. Projects may have started within a single practice, such as a GP registrar QIP project.

Importance and relevance of the project

Entries should explain the issue, challenge or opportunity being addressed, and why it was identified as a priority for improvement.

Approach to improvement

Judges will consider how clearly the entry describes the work undertaken, including any structured quality improvement approach or methodology used to support change.



Impact on quality

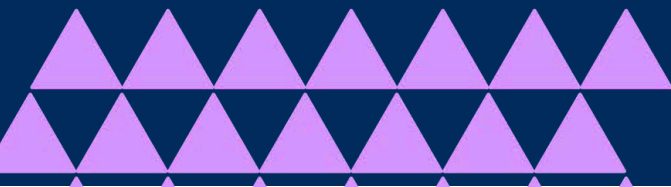
Projects should show a clear contribution to quality improvement. This may include evidence of changes to processes, outcomes, systems, infrastructure, learning, balancing measures, or wider service improvement.

Impact on patients, staff or services

Judges will consider the extent to which the project has had a positive effect on patients, staff, practices or the wider care system, including improvements in the patient journey where relevant.

Learning, sustainability and wider applicability

The entry should outline what was learned from the project, how that learning has been shared, whether the improvement can be sustained, and whether the approach could be replicated elsewhere.



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Judging



1. All eligible nominations will be considered by a judging panel appointed by the RCGP North Scotland Faculty.
2. The panel will assess each submission against the published award criteria, with particular regard to the extent to which the project demonstrates meaningful cluster collaboration, a clear improvement focus, an effective quality improvement approach, and a positive impact on quality, patients, staff or services.
3. Judges will also take into account the learning arising from the project, its potential for sustainability, and whether the approach may have value beyond the immediate setting.
4. To ensure fairness and transparency, any judge with a conflict of interest in relation to a nominated cluster or project will declare this and will take no part in the discussion or scoring of that entry.
5. The decision of the judging panel will be final. The Faculty reserves the right not to make an award if, in the opinion of the judging panel, no nomination meets the required standard.
6. Entries will be assessed against the published criteria using a standard scoring approach to support consistency and fairness across the judging panel.

Judging



The winner will receive a certificate and will be invited to accept the award at the RCGP North Scotland Learn and Connect Conference on 26 August 2026.

Where possible, the Faculty also hopes to support the winning cluster to share its work more widely, for example through a poster presentation at a relevant RCGP event.

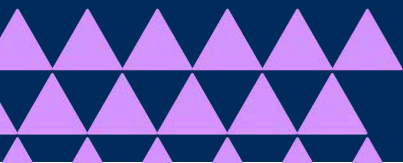
Thank you for your nomination.

Best of luck!

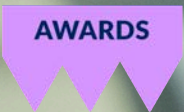
Timeline

Nominations open on Tuesday 2 June and close on Friday 10 July 2026. The award will be presented at the RCGP North Scotland Learn and Connect Conference on Wednesday 26 August 2026.

- 1 2 June 2026 Nominations open
- 2 10 July 2026 Nominations close
- 3 Mid July 2026 Finalists announced
- 4 Late July 2026 Judging begins
- 5 Early August 2026 Winner announced
- 6 26 August 2026 Award presented



Contact





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The RCGP North Scotland Faculty is 1 of the 5 Faculties that make up RCGP Scotland, which represents more than 4,700 members. North Scotland Faculty is a small Faculty covering a large geographical area across the Highlands and Western Isles, supporting around 355 of our Scottish members.

The Faculty strives to voice local concerns nationally and connect regional members through professional support, events, and local engagement.



Contact

If you have any questions about the RCGP North Scotland Faculty Cluster Quality Improvement Project Award 2026 or about the North Scotland Faculty more generally, please get in touch at gemma.gee@rcgp.org.uk.

You can also find more information about the Faculty on our North Scotland Faculty webpage, and you can also follow RCGP Scotland on our social media pages.



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The logo for the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) Awards, featuring the letters 'RCGP' in a serif font inside a dark blue square.A white banner with a scalloped bottom edge containing the word 'AWARDS' in a sans-serif font.A photograph of a diverse group of people seated in an audience, clapping and smiling. The scene is dimly lit with blue and purple stage lighting. A large, light purple triangle is overlaid on the bottom left of the image, containing the award title.

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