



# IQIPS - Improving Quality In Physiological diagnostic Services Newsletter January 2012

Welcome to the second IQIPS newsletter which covers key developments including:

- **The website & Registration**
- **The accreditation model**
- **Links with AQP**
- **Peer/expert assessor update**

➤ **The IQIPS website is now live;** [www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/iqips](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/iqips)  
Registration is simple, go to the website and register your interest in the IQIPS programme including the self assessment tool and accreditation.

➤ **The accreditation model** is being finalised and the diagram opposite gives an indication of the accreditation cycle. The fee structure is still being finalised and will appear on the website shortly.

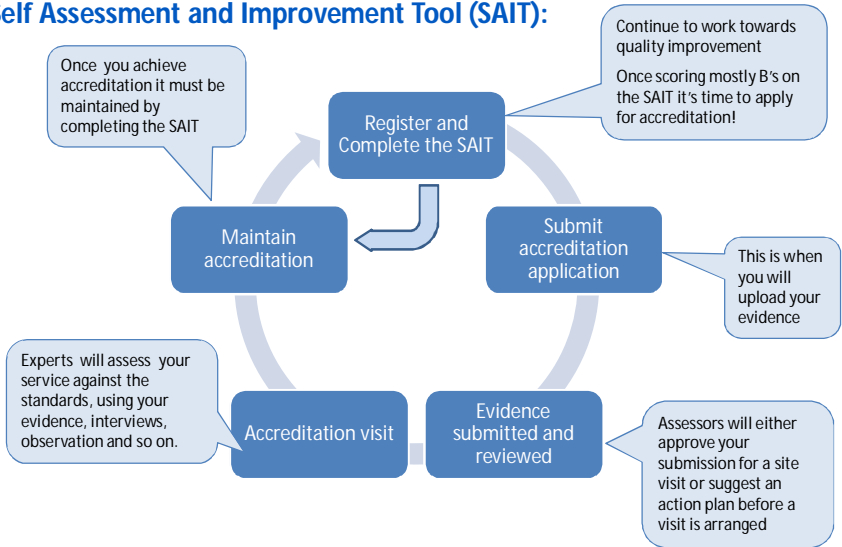
➤ Recent Department of Health guidance for early **Any Qualified Provider (AQP)** implementation listed IQIPS as part of the quality assurance process. Adult hearing services and diagnostics closer to home including non-obstetric ultrasound are early implementers of AQP. The IQIPS programme is designed to help commissioners and patients identify good quality services and the focus is on quality improvement and it is a supportive model. The timelines for early implementation AQP are tight and a guide for adult hearing services will be published shortly.

➤ The IQIPS team will be looking to recruit **peers assessors** in adult hearing services in early 2012 and will advertise through professional bodies so look out for the invitation! Assessor training will include a 3 day residential training course to learn how to assess service against the standards and ensure confidentiality and impartiality.



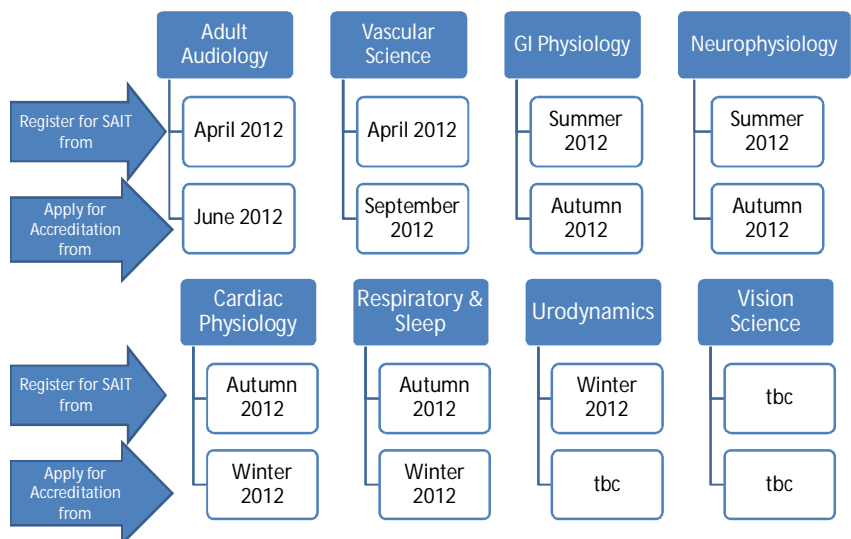
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## IQIPS model: A four year Accreditation cycle with an annual Self Assessment and Improvement Tool (SAIT):



The roll of IQIPS is informed by the AQP agenda, the development of speciality specific guidance and the recruitment of expert assessors. Below is a suggested roll out plan although this may be subject to change.

Indicative **GO LIVE** timeline:



(Paediatric and specialist audiology service roll out will be confirmed shortly)

*This scheme has been developed based on the Imaging Services Accreditation Scheme (ISAS) with the kind permission of The Royal College of Radiologists and the College of Radiographers.*