

National Review of Asthma Deaths: Call for panel assessors

We are looking to recruit consultants in paediatric intensive care and respiratory nurse specialists to be panel assessors for the National Review of Asthma Deaths (NRAD), being run by the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). Panel assessors must currently be in clinical practice or have retired within the previous five years.

- **Time commitment** – you will be asked to commit to attending at least **2 full day panel meetings** in the course of the 15 months. You are able to do more if your wish.
- **Location of meetings** - panel meetings will be held in London, Birmingham or Manchester, Newcastle, Belfast and Edinburgh.
- **Travel expenses** - Travelling expenses (and accommodation if required) will be available to assessors unable to claim travel expenses from their employing NHS trust.

Every death from asthma in the UK over a 12 month period from the 1 February 2012 will be systematically assessed and will be subject to an in-depth multidisciplinary confidential enquiry. The overriding aim of the confidential enquiry phase of the NRAD is to identify preventable or avoidable factors from individual cases in order to learn lessons for future implementation by healthcare professionals and people who suffer from asthma, in order to prevent deaths in the future. Assessment of cases will be based on a review of case notes against recognised standards of care from national guidelines and a set of quality indicators derived from clinical experts.

For further information on the project, the role of panel assessors and how you can apply please see our website – www.rcplondon.ac.uk/nrad

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