



## Quality Neurology

Quality neurology is an initiative to develop an audit methodology that can be used by health and social care services to assess their performance with respect to the recommendations of the National Service Framework (NSF) for Long Term (neurological) Conditions (LTC).

The NSF for LTC has produced a list of 11 Quality Requirements to be used for monitoring and assessing the performance of health and social care services. The methodology that will be produced by the Quality Neurology scheme will provide a consistent framework for the audit of health and social care services in line with these 11 Quality Requirements and will put service users and carers at the heart of the assessment process.

The MS Society, Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS), Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association and Ataxia UK have all joined forces for this initiative that will put people affected by long term conditions at the centre of the process.

Quality Neurology is funded by the partners and grant support from the Department of Health (DH). Neurological charities who are members of the Neurological Alliance have also indicated their support.

The project has attracted interest from the Healthcare Commission, Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI), and Care Services Improvement Programme (CSIP).

The project will be evaluated by the Social Policy Research Unit at York University and will inform the development of the audit tool from current research evidence and best practice. Up to 10 pilot sites for the audit tool will be established (six being co-terminus with the benchmarked sites in the York University research on benchmarking best practice).

The project is funded for two years and is due to be completed by April 2009.

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