

NOMINATION FORM

NOCA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION AWARD 2026

The NOCA ‘Quality Improvement Champion’ Award recognises an individual or team who has made best use of clinical audit data to improve patient care and outcomes in their healthcare organisation.

We are seeking nominations from a person or team who have shown dedication to quality improvement (QI) in their healthcare organisation.

This award showcases a fantastic range of quality improvement practices taking place in our health service to make it as good as it can be. It also provides an opportunity for healthcare organisations to share patient-focused innovation and communicate their quality improvement achievement.

TO ENTER

- A QI project is expected to have gone through a full audit / quality improvement cycle and clearly demonstrates the findings from clinical audit which led to the QI project being undertaken, an outline of the QI project and the changes implemented.
- The project uses local, regional or national clinical audit data, but can focus on any aspect of care in its widest sense such as assessment, intervention, system organisation, education, care of patients and their families, and clinical care.
- QI projects may have been ongoing over several years, but all are expected to have been active during the last two years 2024 and/or 2025.
- **The form must be emailed to auditinfo@noca.ie by 12pm on the 14th January 2026. All submissions will be reviewed following this date and decisions will be emailed to all applicants by 5pm on the 16th January 2026.**

Please note that research projects are not eligible to apply for this award.

The winning nominee will be presented with their NOCA ‘QI Champion’ Award at the NOCA Annual Conference on the 12th February 2026. There are two categories for submission: 1. National/Regional and 2. Local. The top three nominees from each category will be invited to make an oral presentation at the NOCA Annual Conference and will be showcased on the NOCA website. Both of the winning projects and runner up nominations will be able to use the NOCA ‘QI Champion’ in their communications relating to this improvement work.

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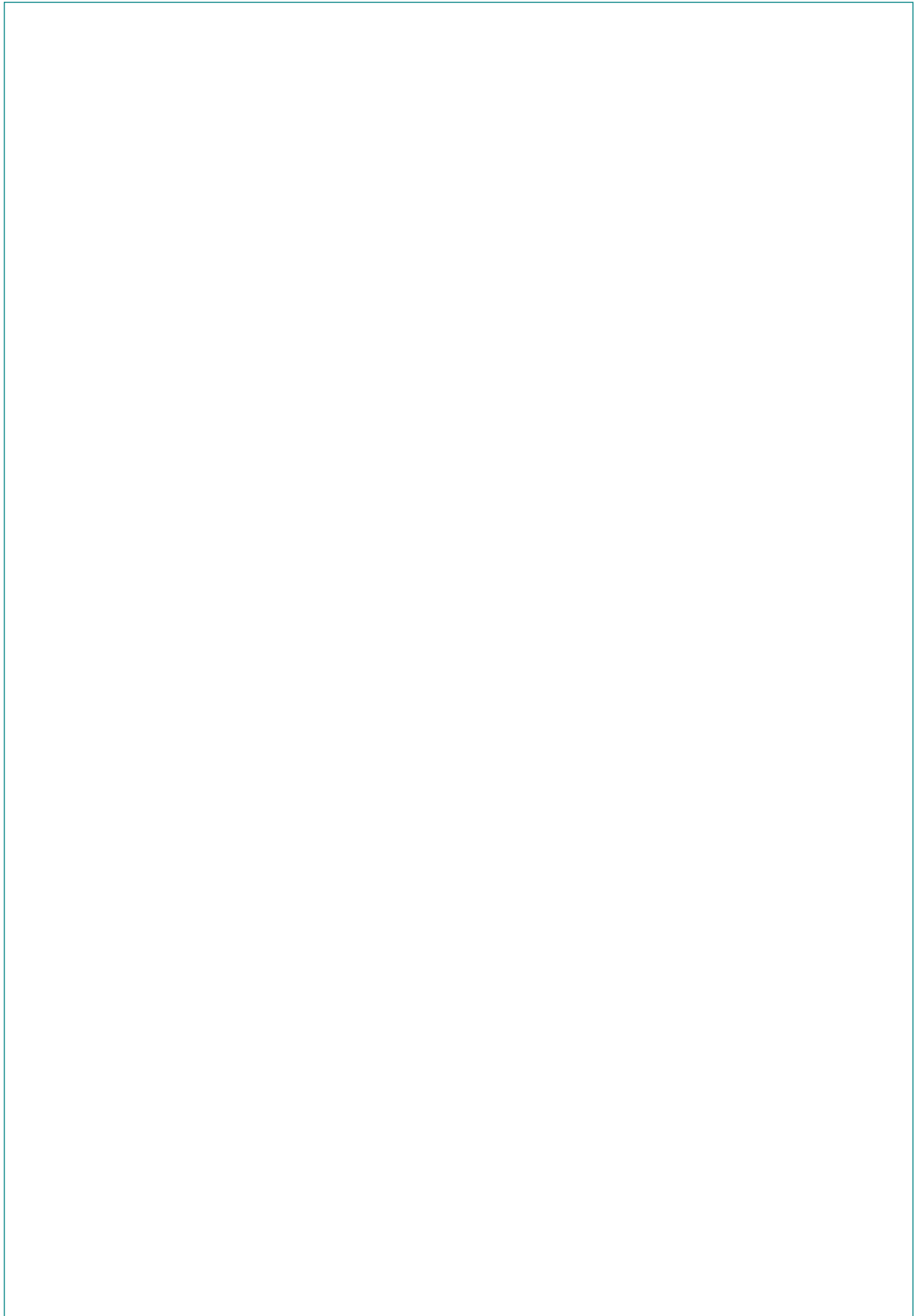
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Submissions should be 1000 words maximum. Submissions will be evaluated by a NOCA Evaluation Committee.

QI PROJECT TITLE		
PROJECT LEAD(S)		
PROJECT TEAM		
ORGANISATION(S)		
CLINICAL AUDIT TYPE (TICK APPROPRIATE)	LOCAL	NATIONAL /REGIONAL

THE NOCA EVALUATION COMMITTEE WILL LOOK FOR CLEAR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BELOW. WHEREVER POSSIBLE, DESCRIBE THE IMPACT OF THE QI PROJECT, WITH EVIDENCE OF DEMONSTRABLE PROGRESS OR SUCCESS.

- 1. Description of the problem** - define the problem statement, identifying the quality domain the project addresses. There is growing agreement that quality health services should be:
 - Effective – providing evidence-based healthcare services to those who need them
 - Safe – avoiding harm to people for whom the care is intended; and
 - People-centred – providing care that responds to individual preferences, needs and values.To realise the benefits of quality health care, health services must be:
 - Timely – reducing waiting times and sometimes harmful delays
 - Equitable – providing care that does not vary in quality on account of gender, ethnicity, geographic location, and socio-economic status
 - Integrated – providing care that makes available the full range of health services throughout the life course
 - Efficient – maximising the benefit of available resources and avoiding waste.
- 2. Co-production with stakeholders with particular focus on involving patients and/or carers -**
Provide a description of co-production of improvements/interventions that led to better, care processes or outcomes
- 3. QI methods used – describe the methods used**
- 4. Findings / Results of the QI Project** - Did the change lead to improvement? Why or why not?
- 5. Reflection / learning on the process.**



**I AM NOMINATING THIS QI PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE
NCCA 'QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHAMPION' AWARD 2026**

NAME	
ROLE	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	

Closing date: 14 January 2026 submit by email to auditinfo@noca.ie