

Consultation on Health Standards Framework

We would appreciate comments on the proposed framework.

Response form

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The closing date for replies is 26th January 2015

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Please note that the consultation ends on 26 January 2015

What do you think?

Please feel free to make any comment you wish on this document, or the background information. However, we would particularly welcome comments on the attached questions:

1. Do you agree with the 7 quality themes (please tick)?

Agree with most	Agree/disagree with some	Disagree with most
X		

Please comment.

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (“the College”) agrees these are all important quality themes, covering key areas in relation to a patient’s health and safety, including primary prevention. The themes and standards apply to all ages and at all stages of a patient’s care and are to be welcomed.

2. Do you agree with the standards identified within each theme?

Agree with most	Agree/disagree with some	Disagree with most
X		

Please comment.

The College is in general agreement with the standards identified with in each theme and has no further specific comment.

3. Are there any further refinements you would like to make to the Health Standards Framework document?

Please comment.

No specific comment.

4. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

The College is in general agreement with this framework and the principles and standards that have been proposed.

However we would appreciate further detail on how these standards will be achieved and measured. The standards outlined are laudable, however we would welcome additional information on how they will be put into practice, addressing issues such as the recruitment and retention of medical staff in Wales and hospital capacity issues. The current challenges faced in these areas mean the standards would be very difficult to implement.

5. Your name/organisation and address (postal/e-mail)

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6. I am a/an (please tick one only):

Patient or former patient	
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Organisation with an interest in the health service	
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Thank you for taking the time to read this document.