



POSITION STATEMENT ON IMPROVING QUALITY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL SERVICES (IQIPS)

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INTRODUCTION

2018 saw the first cardiology departments gain IQIPS accreditation. The feedback from these 'early adopters' is that the process has been challenging but has stimulated positive changes.

IQIPS is an assessment and accreditation scheme that aims to improve the quality of physiology services – assuring high standards of care and safety for patients. It is strongly supported by NHS England and the Royal College of Physicians, and is recognised by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The IQIPS Standard is owned by the professional societies that represent the eight physiology disciplines. For cardiac this is BHRSS, SCST and BSE. BHRSS guidelines and standards are used by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) as a basis to assess device follow-up clinics in IQIPS assessments. UKAS is the UK's national accreditation body, appointed by Government; it runs schemes including accreditation for diagnostic imaging, medical laboratories, point of care testing, and dental services.

BHRSS POSITION STATEMENT

IQIPS is designed to ensure that cardiac physiology departments deliver a high quality service; that provides and communicates quality reports, implements systems to manage records, incidents and errors, minimises clinical risk and implements new and innovative practice.

IQIPS is in line with the goals and aspirations of BHRSS to improve and extend the lives of patients with arrhythmias. BHRSS fully endorses the scheme and encourages participation.