

BSSPD information for applicants applying for Clinical Excellence Awards

The BSSPD is currently authorised by ACCEA to give support to members of the Society in relation to clinical excellence awards. Due to the number of Consultant members within the Society, at present we are able to provide support for no more than 4 Bronze, 2 silver and 1 Gold new award applications. The Society can also provide citations for individuals who are having their awards reviewed.

ACCEA advises that for each level of award the applicants are placed in rank order alongside the submission of citations, and that the process used to create the ranked list should be made available to all members of the specialist society.

The BSSPD uses a panel of assessors to scrutinise applications to create a ranked list. The scoring system for this is in three parts which covers the information within the application form to ACCEA itself, the ways in which the applicant has contributed to the specialty, and the ways in which the applicant has contributed to the BSSPD.

Applicants are therefore advised that when they seek support from the Society for their applications they also submit a 200 word statement outlining their contributions to the specialty and the BSSPD.

The scoring system to assess applications is described below using an example where 3 applicants are seeking support for the same level of award. If the number of applications for a particular award exceed the number of citations permissible, then the ranked list will be used to determine which candidates can be supported.

Applications will need to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Society. Applicants are advised that deadlines set by ACCEA to the Societies for providing support are usually very tight. As sufficient time is required for applications to be scrutinised by a panel of members, no application will be considered for support by the BSSPD if it is returned later than the closing date set by the Society.

Scoring systems for creating ranked lists

Part A- ACCEA Domains

These are the principal domains on the application form which is completed by the candidate and goes forward to ACCEA. Applicants will need to submit a copy of this to BSSPD.

1. Delivering a high quality service:

e.g. Excellence in delivering professional commitments, exemplary standards in dealing with patients, & relatives, evidence of excellence in preventive measures, evidence of the effect on patient experience, good use of NHS resources.

2. Developing a high quality service:

e.g. Developing and completing audit cycles, developing and/or applying tools to determine barriers to clinical effectiveness and their resolution, developing diagnostic tools, intervention techniques and methodology, innovation in service delivery, with a demonstrable, treatment innovations or care models, development of new health or healthcare plans or policies, major reviews, inquiries or investigations, national policies to modernise health services or professional practice.

3. Managing and leading a high quality service:

e.g. Service innovation, development of individuals /team in support of improved patient care, an ambassadorial or change champion role, developing a compelling and shared vision and purpose for change, demonstrating their contribution to removing barriers and positively promoting diversity in the workplace, working across professional boundaries in support of improved patient care, a leadership contribution to developing patient focused services, a leadership role in relation to clinical governance, including a leadership role in policy or service development.

4. Contributing to the NHS through research and innovation:

e.g. Encouraged the systematic uptake of innovation to improve the quality of patient services, actual or potential impact of the research, innovative development on health service practice, health service policy or on the development of health services, major trials/evaluations (including systematic reviews), contribution as a research leader/supervisor, membership of review boards of national funding agencies, office bearer of learned societies, grants, peer-reviewed publications, chapters or books, significant participation in multi-centre research studies

5. Contributing to the NHS through teaching and training:

e.g. Developing a new course, innovative assessment methods, introducing new learning facilities, authorship of successful textbooks or other teaching media, contribution to postgraduate education and life-long learning, contributions to teaching in other UK centres or abroad, developing innovative training methods, invitations to lecture, peer-reviewed and other publications on educational matters, contribution to education of other health and social care professions, evidence of personal commitment to developing teaching skills, evidence of unusual teaching and educational commitment and workload not recognised in other ways.

Scoring- with 3 candidates, for each domain they will be ranked with either 3 points (the applicant showing the highest achievement), 2 points (the applicant showing the middle level of achievement) or 1 point (the applicant showing the lowest achievement). Therefore the maximum score possible is 15 and the minimum is 5.

Section B

This relates to the ways in which the applicant has contributed to the advancement of fixed or removable prosthodontics, implantology or maxillofacial rehabilitation through their research or teaching. Scoring for this section will be double weighted to reflect the role of the BSSPD in making citations based on specific roles / areas of practice.

Scoring – with three candidates, they will be ranked with either 3 points (the applicant showing the highest achievement), 2 points (the applicant showing the middle level of achievement) or 1 point (the applicant showing the lowest achievement). This score will then be doubled. Therefore the maximum score possible is 6 and the minimum is 2.

Section C

This relates to the ways in which the applicant has contributed to the BSSPD. Scoring for this section will also be double weighted to reflect the role of the BSSPD in making citations based on specific roles / areas of practice.

Scoring – with three candidates, they will be ranked with either 3 points (the applicant showing the highest achievement), 2 points (the applicant showing the middle level of achievement) or 1 point (the applicant showing the lowest achievement). This score will then be doubled. Therefore the maximum score possible is 6 and the minimum is 2.

Summary scores

The three scores from Sections A, B and C will be totalled. In the example given, for 3 applicants, the maximum score possible is 27 (15+6+6) and the lowest is 9 (5+2+2). The scores for each applicant by every member of the panel will be processed to form a total score which will enable the BSSPD to create the final ranked list for submission to ACCEA along with the citations.