

## Submitting an Entry for Quality Improvement Project and / or a Poster presentation

### WHO CAN ENTER?

Any individual(s) from an LSU or PICU Service with a completed piece of work relating to Psychiatric Care in PICUs or LSUs

The project or poster presentations should primarily consist of the author(s) own work.

Submissions from individual members of the NAPICU Executive Committee are not eligible to win a prize.

### HOW TO ENTER?

Applicants should submit an abstract between **350 – 500 words** (a maximum of 350 words if a table or figure is included). The word count does not include the title, authors' details or references.

All applications should be submitted electronically by email to the NAPICU Administration Office – [info@napicu.org.uk](mailto:info@napicu.org.uk).

Submissions should be accompanied by the applicants name, title/position, address and contact details.

Please state whether you would like to present as

- A QI project for a 10 minute verbal presentation
- A Poster
- A QI project for a 10 minute verbal presentation and a poster.

It should be noted finalists of the QI project of the year will not be eligible for the poster prize.

**Closing date** for receipt of entries is **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

NB. It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that their submission has been received by the NAPICU Administration Office by the deadline.

A multi-disciplinary panel of judges will consider the applications and shortlisted applicants will be contacted by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**.

## Guidance for Quality improvement (QI) projects of the year

The theme of the NAPICU conference this year is Quality Improvement (QI) and consequently the conference will have QI projects of the year. QI is ensuring health care is safe, effective, patient-centred, timely, efficient and equitable. The project should be evidence based and should include the three core components of QI:-

- Systematic way to tackle complex problems
- Always evolving and learning
- Engaging people at all levels to achieve the improvement you're looking for.

The submissions for the QI projects of the year should include a description of project, discuss the evidence base and include the 3 core components of QI. If also producing as a poster format please see the Guidance for Poster Abstracts.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

The multi-disciplinary panel of independent judges will shortlist applying teams based on written submissions and the following criteria:

- High quality care which is safe, effective, timely, efficient and equitable.
- Development of a highly systematic way to solve complex problems.
- Innovative practice that has positive impacts on optimising patient-centred care.
- Commitment to delivering evidence based practices
- Engagement of patient/carers contribution to the project
- Demonstrate positive learning outcomes and future learning points

Short listed teams will be invited to deliver a 10 minute presentation of their work in a session at the NAPICU Annual Conference (**Friday 7th September 2018**) and also display a poster of their project.

### THE PRIZE

The project/s selected as the NAPICU Quality improvement (QI) project/s of 2018 will receive £100 to spend on their service. The winning project/s will be announced at the Annual Conference on **Friday 7th September 2018**. The winning project/s will also be offered the opportunity to publish their work in the Journal of Psychiatric Intensive Care.

## Guidance for Poster Presentation Submissions

The NAPICU Annual Conference invites you to present completed research, audit or practice related projects as part of the Conference Exhibition.

**Abstracts** of research, audit or practice related projects should follow this structure :

- ♦ **Introduction or background** – a brief introduction to or the background of why you chose to carry out your particular research/project, linked to key policy or journal references as appropriate
- ♦ **Aims & Objectives** – the aim is what you were trying to achieve overall; the objectives are the key pointers you wish to achieve in order to demonstrate you have achieved your aim
- ♦ **Method** – describe the type of study, e.g. whether it was a qualitative or quantitative study; then whether it was research, audit, or a practice based project
- ♦ **Results** – state your findings
- ♦ **Discussion & Conclusion** – discuss your findings in their immediate context relating to the literature base; draw conclusions from your findings and describe the implications
- ♦ **References** – use Harvard style, where each reference is numbered in order of use.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

A multi-disciplinary panel of judges will shortlist applications from the submitted abstracts to be invited to present a poster at the conference.

Each abstract will be judged on objective evidence on the following criteria:

- ♦ Scientific rigor

- ◆ Are the objectives clearly stated?
- ◆ Is the design appropriate?
- ◆ Is the method clearly described?
- ◆ Have the findings (both positive and negative) been described clearly?
- ◆ Is the work innovative?
- ◆ Are there implications for practice, research and/or policy discussed in the conclusions?
- ◆ Commitment to delivering evidence based practices

**ONCE AN ABSTRACT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE**

**THE POSTER**

Posters should be in portrait format. Presentations boards approximately 0.9m wide x 1.8m tall will be available. Velcro fixers will be provided. Lettering for poster presentations needs to be legible at 2m and this requires characters of not less than 8mm in height and a line thickness of 0.7mm

**INTERACTIVE SESSION**

Each poster author is invited to attend our interactive poster session with our judges, fellow delegates and exhibitors after the closure of the conference on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018** with drinks and light refreshments; this will give you further opportunity to highlight your pieces of work.

**THE PRIZE**

The NAPICU Poster Presentation Prize is £100 for the author. The authors will also be offered the opportunity to publish their work in the Journal of Psychiatric Intensive Care. The winning poster will be announced at the Annual Conference on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018** in our Annual Awards Presentation.