

Gaining the PIF TICK - what does it mean for the RCoA

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About the RCoA

- Anaesthetists play a critical role in the care of two-thirds of hospital patients, including COVID
- Ensuring patients have positive experience of anaesthesia

‘Supporting patients: for many patients, engagement with anaesthesia can be daunting’

So, what is our work?

- Different types of anaesthesia
- FAQs and the risks of anaesthesia
- Resources for children, young people and their carers
- Information on how to prepare for surgery

How our information is used:

The preoperative assessment clinic



Rees Bear has an anaesthetic

A story for younger children about having an anaesthetic



Why we joined the PIF TICK

- Raising the bar for information on anaesthesia
- Consistency of quality across all resources
- Future proof the quality of RCoA PI
- Raise the profile of PI
 - Externally
 - Internally

First Medical Royal College to get the TICK!!!

Benefits of joining the scheme

- Support from PIF – continuous improvement
- Benefits to our members – the ‘gold standard’ for information on anaesthesia in preoperative assessment clinics
- Benefits to patients – fake news and myths

What was it like?

- Flexibility – every organisation is different!
- Sensible criteria set at the right level, stretching
- Support from Dan and Nicole

- Thorough but fair assessment

We were doing a lot of it, but we had no proof!

What are we doing different now?

- Production process in written form
- Patient/lay input from the very start
- Assessing need
- Saying 'thanks, but no thanks', unless they stick to the process
- Measuring impact – the tricky one!

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Thank you and any questions?