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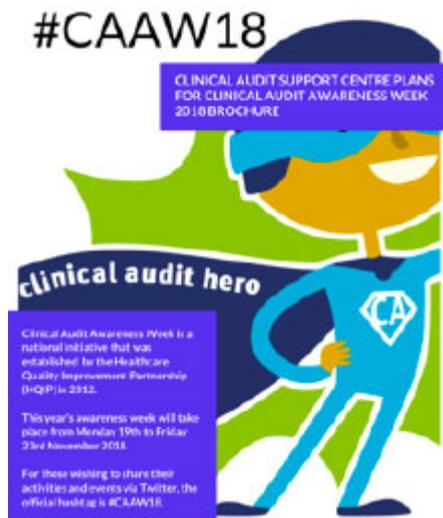
Revamped CASC website is launched!



We are very pleased to announce that our updated website was unveiled to the world at the end of October. We have been aware that our old site (established

when we set up the business in 2006) was no longer fit-for-purpose and the updates have been in the pipeline for a long time. We hope you will agree the new website is a big improvement, looks much better and is easier to search. Thus far the feedback we have received has been very positive, but we plan further upgrades and the release of new materials before the end of 2018. The updated website includes lots of new features, see below and we have a dedicated section for Clinical Audit Awareness Week. The new website is also configured so that it will look more appropriate on mobile phones, tablets, etc. Do please take a look [here](#). Incidentally, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve the website then please get in touch.

Materials for #CAAW now available



With #CAAW now less than 3 weeks away, we have been working super hard to expand on the plethora of resources that we released last year. The great news is that our revamped website now has a section devoted entirely to Clinical Audit Awareness Week, click [here](#). In addition to the pledge cards, quizzes and signposting that we produced for 2017, we are

now offering a much broader range of free resources. For example, our Clinical Audit Guide for Dummies is now available and is aimed at helping audit novices make a start. We have also worked hard to collect

Training Courses:

- [Advanced Clinical Audit](#)
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- [Audit Distance Learning Course](#)
- [Root Cause Analysis](#)
- [Significant Event Audit](#)
- [Getting started with QI](#)

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Announcements:

December eNews will be published on 5 December 2018.

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a selection of real-world case studies that show audit in action. To date we have added examples from Rainbows Hospice to the website, but in due course we will share case studies from medical students, physiotherapists, primary care, mental health and even vets! During #CAAW 18 we will be sharing posters from our junior doctor audit and QI competitions and our new clinical audit competition. There will also be a number of opportunities for you to get involved, celebrate audit and win prizes. Please take a look at our website regularly in November to keep track of what we are up to and don't forget that lots of our work is shared via our @cascleicester Twitter account.

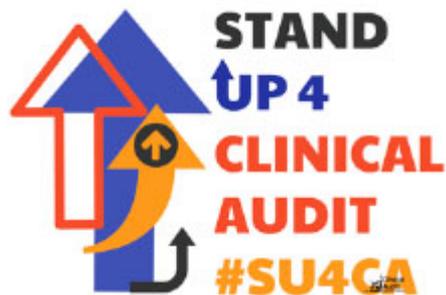
Find lots of new and old tools online



Whereas our previous website focused mainly on clinical audit, we are pleased to be able to announce that our new website is more reflective of our wider work programme and includes sections on quality improvement and patient safety. The QI section includes a range of new resources that includes signposting to current QI guides and useful websites. We have also generated a

range of infographics that make QI more interesting and understandable and these are available [here](#). In addition, much of our work now focuses on patient safety and we offer accredited training in root cause analysis and significant event audit. The new patient safety section, click [here](#), includes many relevant resources, including our popular guide on delivering outstanding SEA. We have also generated infographics relating to human factors, the key work of Don Berwick, etc. We have also made all the materials from our popular Clinical Audit Teaching Toolkit available [here](#), plus our new feature ‘Stuff we like’ will inevitably signpost you to new stuff we like each month, click [here](#).

Other CASC news: articles and events



In addition to re-launching our website, we have been working hard standing up for clinical audit. Many of you will be aware of the article that appeared in the September issue of the British Journal of Hospital Medicine entitled ‘Clinical

audit does not work, is QI any better?’. To access the article, click [here](#), was critical of audit and in response our Director, Stephen Ashmore, has written a letter defending the value of audit. We have been assured

this will be published in November. Furthermore, we have been working hard to set up innovative events and with this in mind on 27 November we are running two free half-day events for care homes to help them get to grips with Significant Event Audit. We are also hosting our local NMP conference in December and are delighted to have speakers from the NHS Improvement's #plotthedots team and the Academic Health Science Network. Meanwhile, if you want to learn how to improve your teaching in clinical audit, then why not join us on our Train the Trainer course taking place in Birmingham on 4 December? Contact us for more details.

In other news: what are the leaders up to?



Since last month there has been lots of exciting stuff happening in clinical audit world. NQICAN Chairman Carl Walker (pictured) has been doing a great job of spreading the audit world globally with recent trips to Ireland and Saudi Arabia. Given some negative publicity for audit in recent times, it is fabulous to know

that other countries view the UK as the leaders in clinical audit. Well done to Carl and we look forward to hearing about what he has learned on his travels and what he can share back to the local audit community. On the subject of NQICAN, we implore you to access their online forum, [here](#). The NNSF is a great place to talk about all things audit and to find out what is happening in the run up to #CAAW. Again, congratulations to Carl and the wider network for all their hard work. Finally, we note that HQIP have celebrated 10 years in business. HQIP have recently released an updated version of their popular 'An introduction to analysing quality improvement and assurance data' available [here](#). If you fancy working for the HQIP team, they are also recruiting for a new Business Development Lead (salary up to £65,000). Find out more, [here](#).

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We first launched the CASC e-Newsletter in February 2007 with the aim of providing those with an interest in clinical audit and QI with a free regular monthly update. Since that time hundreds of subscribers across the world have joined our circulation list. The newsletter provides subscribers with a mixture of CASC-related and other clinical audit, quality improvement and patient safety news to help you keep up-to-date with current events. Don't forget that if you have missed a previous issue of the newsletter then you can visit the [eNews](#) section of our website where all previous issues are archived. If you wish to sign up for your own copy or know others who may be interested then please email:

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