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# **Proving excellence through Modular Quality Practice Award**

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# Aims

- **Why modular QPA?**
- **How would my practice achieve the criteria?**

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## Version 12 of Modular QPA

# Uptake of QPA

- **Scotland**                      **8%**
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- **England** **1%**
- **Wales** **0.2%**

# Barriers to engaging with QPA

- **E-survey**
- **February 2007**
- **1030 Scottish practices**
  
- **Likert scales**
- **Freetext**

# Response

- **197 or 19% of practices replied**
- **39% of responses were training practices**
- **88% scored over 1000 out of 1050 QOF points**

# Results: barriers

- **Time commitment** **61%**
- **Cost** **41%**
- **No perceived benefit** **29%**

# Results: barriers

- **Clinical governance needs met by QOF** **27%**
- **Need for involvement of attached staff** **24%**
- **Need for involvement from each individual in the team** **23%**

# Qualitative analysis

● <b>Workload and time</b>	<b>14</b>
● <b>Problems when team small</b>	<b>7</b>
● <b>Cost</b>	<b>6</b>
● <b>Too much change</b>	<b>5</b>
● <b>Lack of organisation</b>	<b>4</b>
● <b>Poor facilities</b>	<b>2</b>
● <b>Too many assessments</b>	<b>1</b>

# Changes to make QPA more attractive

- **Less criteria** **57%**
- **IT submission** **50%**
- **More reflective criteria** **40%**
- **Removal of QOF** **25%**

# Modular QPA

**Interest in doing QPA if modular      55%**

# Modular comment themes

- **Manageable chunks** 43
- **More time to do it** 9
- **Spreads cost** 4
- **Helpful for smaller practices** 3

# Modular comment themes

- **Same barriers exist** **25**
- **Prefer current format** **8**

# Targeted interventions

- **Evidence base**
  - **Cochrane systematic review**
  - **Multiple case analysis**

# RCGP Scotland response

- **Workload**                      **Modular**
- **Cost**                              **Under discussion**
- **Small practices**              **Lower cost**

# Modular QPA

- **Six modules**
  - **Patient centredness**
  - **Management of illness**
  - **Records**
  - **Special patient groups**
  - **The learning organisation**
  - **The practice team**

# Modular QPA

- **Each module stand alone**
- **Support of an advisor/assessor**
- **If all six done in 5 years, can have visit and achieve QPA**
  
- **Support of NHS Quality Improvement Scotland**

# Evaluation

- **Summer 2009**
- **16 Practices**
- **Several Health Boards expressed interest**

# Future

- **QPA to stay in original format, done over 18 months**
- **Modular to become only means of completing QPA**
- **Both offered**