



**QI (Research) Activity – Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist**

Criteria	Yes	No
• The project falls into an eligible research category. ( <i>see below</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The project investigates the quality of dental care. ( <i>see below</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The research question(s) investigates the quality of dental care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The primary and/or secondary outcomes directly address the research question(s) investigating the quality of dental care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The project will be conducted in accordance with the <a href="#">UK Policy for Health and Social Care Research</a> (2017). This includes:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
○ all necessary approvals including: ethical review; NHS approval for R&D; research passports; Caldicott guardian approval etc. secured;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
○ appropriate peer review;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
○ sufficient funding in place for completion of the study;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
○ appropriate and transparent dissemination plans;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The project includes a component to enable dentists to reflect on the quality of the dental care they provide and to develop and take forward action plans as required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Eligible Research Categories**

Category	Description
A	Rapid Evaluation Practitioner practice-based research projects conducted by the Scottish Dental Practice Based Research Network (SDPBRN).
B	Practice-based dental research projects conducted by Higher Education Institutions or NHS Health Boards.
C	Practice-based dental research projects that were awarded research funding through a process of open competition including high quality peer review.
D	National, practice-based, quality improvement initiatives that include a reflective research component.

**Quality Dimensions<sup>1</sup>**

Dimension	Description
Safe	Avoiding injuries to patients from healthcare that is intended to help them.
Timely	Reducing waits and sometimes harmful delays for both those who receive care and those who give care.
Efficient	Avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy.
Equitable	Providing care that does not vary in quality because of personal characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, geographic location or socio-economic status.
Effective	Providing services based on scientific knowledge.
Person-centred	Providing care that is responsive to individual personal preferences, needs and values and assuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions.

1. [The Scottish Government. The Healthcare Quality Strategy for NHSScotland. May 2010 \(pgs.22-23\)](#)