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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Promoting quality in occupational health – how can we do better?

CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE NEW ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

1st December 2010, London

The programme and booking form for the Faculty winter conference is now available at <http://www.facoccmmed.ac.uk/library/docs/confomdec10.pdf>. This event will also see the launch of the new accreditation system for occupational health services.

Improving quality is currently a key driver in health care policy and occupational health is no exception.

A recent major development has been the publication of standards for occupational health services. Led by the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, and developed with a multidisciplinary, multi-agency stakeholder group, the standards (available at <http://www.facoccmmed.ac.uk/library/docs/standardsjan2010.pdf> and in hard copy from the Faculty while stocks last) constitute the basis for the new voluntary accreditation system which will be launched at this conference. This is an opportunity to find out more about how the scheme will work.

In addition, there will be presentations from a wide range of speakers, covering different approaches to promoting quality – relevant to organizations from the largest to the smallest, including single-handed practices.

With best wishes

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