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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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NHS Consultant Clinical Excellence Awards for England and Wales - UPDATE

UPDATE FROM ACCEA WEBSITE – 20 OCTOBER 2011

ACCEA is still awaiting a decision from Ministers on whether there will be a new national awards round in 2012. Although we continue to work on the assumption that there will be a new awards round, until we know this for certain we cannot open the online submission process. However it is now clear that the closing date will no longer be Friday 9 December 2011. The likely closing date for the 2012 Round will not be until the New Year.

We will update the website again as and when we have further information.

Further information about renewal applications can be found at:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACCEA/index.htm>.

In the absence of certain information, the Faculty is working on the assumption that there will be a new national awards round this year so we are proceeding with offering advice to eligible occupational physicians.

Previous experience indicates that applications for national awards are more likely to succeed if they are supported by external bodies as well as by the applicant's own employer, and the Faculty's input to the process is therefore important. In deciding which applications to support, the Faculty takes particular note of contributions to the practice of occupational medicine at a regional, national and international level, not only through work for the Faculty, but also on behalf of other organisations such as the Society of Occupational Medicine, the Association of National Health Occupational Physicians, Department of Health, Health and Safety Executive, etc.

As indicated on the ACCEA website, in the 2011 awards round new awards were made to 14% of applicants overall (15% at bronze, 11% at silver, 16% at gold and 25% at platinum level) and competition will be equally tight this year. However, the Faculty will do its best to support deserving occupational physicians.

The word versions of the forms for completion can be downloaded from http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACCEA/DH_128883. In order to meet the Faculty's timetable applications for support for new national awards should be sent to: frances.quinn@facocmed.ac.uk by **9 00 am on Friday 4 November 2011**.

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With best wishes

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