



About ISAS

The Imaging Services Accreditation Scheme (ISAS) was formally launched on the 9th June 2009 at UKRC.

ISAS is a patient focussed imaging service accreditation scheme assessed against a set of quality enhancing standards based on clinical and patient reported performance measures that **gives confidence** to patients, purchasers, staff, and managers about safety, effectiveness and sustainability.

The College of Radiographers and The Royal College of Radiologists spent over 2 years developing the unique ISAS standards which they have licensed to UKAS who will manage and deliver the scheme.

Participation in ISAS will help the imaging service to:

- Deliver quality and improve the patient's imaging journey
- Use available resources more effectively
- Improve internal and external communication and team working
- Plan future development
- Demonstrate its commitment to raising standards

More detailed information about ISAS can be found on the ISAS website (www.isas-uk.org) including citations from eight imaging services such as Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust, Alliance Medical and Plymouth Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust that have already started on the route to accreditation.

To apply for accreditation

UKAS is accepting applications from imaging services (NHS and private sector) now. Applications received will be processed on a *first come first served* basis. The next cohort of applicants will be formally processed to begin their accreditation journey during October 2009. Any imaging services wishing to be in this next cohort for accreditation should apply now.

Application information for ISAS, including information on how to prepare can be found on the ISAS website.

To apply to become an ISAS Assessor

Assessors (senior radiographers, radiologists and lay representatives) are integral to the delivery of ISAS. UKAS is actively recruiting for assessors and will process applications for the next available training workshop. Following training, each assessor will be expected to undertake a minimum of two assessments per year (a maximum of 4 days on-site visits).

Assessors will gain valuable CPD and will develop skills to support their own organisation's preparation for accreditation.

For more information about the assessor role and for an application pack, visit the UKAS jobs section at http://www.ukas.com/tools/Jobs_at_UKAS.asp

To register for a FREE ISAS Preparatory Workshop

UKAS would like to invite imaging services to register for a place at a free of charge non-obligatory ISAS preparatory workshop. The aim is to provide practical advice to imaging services wishing to become accredited. Registration information for the next available workshop can be found in the pre-application and preparatory workshop section of the ISAS website.

To contact the ISAS Team and for more information about ISAS

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