

Peer reviews

A peer review is when doctors and healthcare workers check each other's work to make sure they are giving good care to patients.

Why do peer reviews?

- Peer reviews help to make sure doctors give the best care possible. They catch mistakes to keep patients safe and help doctors get better at their jobs.

How does a peer review work?

- **Who does it?** A team of doctors and healthcare workers looks at how other doctors care for their patients to see if it's good enough.
- **When does it happen?** A peer review happens if there are complaints or worries about how care is given, or when checking if doctors are qualified.

Steps in the review

- If there is a problem, the team collects and reviews medical records.
- They check for any problems and decide how serious they are using a rating system from not serious to very serious.
- They make a plan to help the doctor improve or take action if the problems are serious.

Keeping it private

- All talks and documents about peer reviews are kept secret to protect everyone involved.

Peer review is important because it helps everyone get safe and good healthcare. It also helps doctors learn and improve in their work.