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

We have received an excellent response to the ISAS Preparatory Workshops. Thanks to all those who have registered.

For information, the London workshop scheduled for 30th September is now full. The Birmingham workshop scheduled for 14th October has only a few remaining places. Venues and dates for subsequent workshops are currently being identified in the following order:

Leeds - 26th November 2009  
Cardiff - January 2010  
London - March 2010  
Newcastle - May 2010  
Belfast - July 2010

The [Pre-application Information & Preparatory Workshops](#) section of this website will be regularly updated with the details of new workshops. To apply for a place at any location, simply complete the registration form and email to [imagingcustomerservice@ukas.com](mailto:imagingcustomerservice@ukas.com)

Organisations wishing to submit a formal application for accreditation can now do so. The processing of applications is due to commence at the beginning of October. Please be aware that all applications received will be processed on a *first come first served basis*. Once we have reached our assessment capacity an orderly queue will be formed.

Apply now if you wish to be in the October 2009 cohort for accreditation. Application information for ISAS can be found within the [Getting Accredited](#) section of this website.

Assessors, both technical and lay, are integral to ISAS. Our first cohort of assessors is due to complete their substantive training during September/October.

We still need to recruit lots more assessors (up to 150 over the next 12 months). Anyone interested in being either a technical/peer or lay assessor can submit an application at any time. Suitable applicants will be offered a place on the next available training course. All assessors are expected to undertake a minimum two assessments a year (approximately ten days effort with a maximum of 4 days onsite visits). As an assessor you will gain valuable CPD. Technical/peer assessors

will gain essential insight to support their own organisations preparation for accreditation.

UKAS is also looking to appoint Assessment Managers. To be an Assessment Manager for the ISAS you must have a number of years diagnostic imaging experience and also detailed technical knowledge of diagnostic imaging examinations and interventional radiology procedures. You must also demonstrate a keen interest in quality and auditing methodology and exhibit excellent interpersonal skills to be able to communicate effectively with diagnostic imaging staff and management.

If you are interested in applying to be an Assessment Manager or an Assessor, further information and application forms for all vacancies can be found within the [Jobs](#) section of this website.

The first eight early implementers are continuing to make good progress with evidencing their web-based assessments and the first web-based submission for assessment is still on track for November 2009.

Work to support ISAS extends across a number of areas and includes update meetings and presentations to Department of Health, England, the Care Quality Commission, Radiology Directors and Regional Radiography Managers Groups.

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