



Enabling Environments Award Assessors Information Sheet

This information sheet sets out how to become an Enabling Environments Assessor.

The Enabling Environments (EE) Assessor is a representative of the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Centre for Quality Improvement (CCQI). Their role is to provide assessment for applicants of the EE Award within the guidelines of the CCQI. The Assessor will assess services according to the assessment criteria laid down within the EE programme in order to make a recommendation for the Award status of the applicant.

The role of the Assessor

- To conduct accurate and timely assessment of portfolios according to the training and guidance provided.
- Conduct assessment visits according to the training and guidance provided.
- To deliver comprehensive and timely award reports for the project team to deliver to the Enabling Environment Award Panel.
- To be available to provide support to member services when necessary.
- To participate in quality assurance activities, including providing feedback to the Enabling Environments project team.
- To adhere to the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Code of Conduct and maintain professional Standards at all times.

Assessors will have:

- Experience of Enabling Environments as providers or recipients
- Comprehensive knowledge of the Enabling Environments Award standards and process
- Completed the Enabling Environments assessor training and probationary period

There are two ways to become an Enabling Environments Assessor they are:

Through your member organisation

One way to become an Enabling Environments Assessor is to work in or be part of a service which has already gained the Enabling Environments Award. You will be expected to meet most of the essential criteria set out in the person specification documentation. You will need to gain permission from your employers to carry out this role.

Your employer would need to release you to do two assessments per year plus training days, this would amount to a total of five days per year. The Enabling Environments project would cover expenses, travel, accommodation and any other costs involved with the assessment process.

Benefits to you

- personal development
- skills of quality assurance including assessing a service against criteria and identifying appropriate recommendations
- acquiring an in-depth knowledge of Enabling Environments Award and its processes
- recognised assessor by the Royal College of Psychiatrists
- gaining new perspectives and connecting with like-minded others

Benefits to your employer

- dedicated member of staff with expertise in the Enabling Environments process
- shared learning
- further recognition as an Enabling Environments member
- supporting the Enabling Environments network
- contribution to the development of Enabling Environments

Independently

To become an independent Enabling Environments assessor you must meet all of the criteria set out in the person specification document. As an independent assessor you will be paid a rate of £250 per assessment up to two day's work plus travel, accommodation and expenses (according to the Royal College of Psychiatrists policies).

Benefits to you

- personal development
- skills of quality assurance including assessing a service against criteria and identifying appropriate recommendations
- acquiring an in-depth knowledge of Enabling Environments Award and its processes
- recognised assessor by the Royal College of Psychiatrists
- opportunities to travel
- gaining new perspectives and connecting with like-minded others

To apply for this role, please complete the application form. If you would like further information about the role please contact Laura Simmons on lsimmons@rcpsych.ac.uk or 0203 701 2678.