

# Theatre Accreditation, Peer Review & Audit Services

*Raising the Standard of Perioperative Practice*



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# Supporting Safer Surgery Through Expert Review & Accreditation

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The Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP) offers a comprehensive range of services to help hospitals and surgical teams deliver the safest, most effective perioperative care. All services are underpinned by AfPP's Standards and Recommendations for Safe Perioperative Practice; the gold standard for quality and safety in the operating theatre.



# AfPP Theatre Accreditation

## A recognition of perioperative excellence

AfPP Theatre Accreditation is a thorough, structured assessment of your perioperative services. It promotes continuous improvement and demonstrates your commitment to upholding the highest standards of patient safety, professionalism and clinical governance.

How it works:

**Initial Visit:** Consultants carry out a two-day review (longer for hospitals with 6+ theatres), introducing the audit tool and observing practice along the patient pathway. Three core elements are thoroughly assessed during the visit.

**Feedback:** A detailed report is provided with tailored recommendations.

**Self-Assessment:** Your team completes the remainder of the audit tool independently.

**Return Visit:** Consultants return within 3–12 months to review progress.

**Accreditation:** Provided standards are met, Accreditation is awarded for two years, standing as a distinguished mark of excellence and a testament to alignment with the highest standards of practice. If standards are not met, a further visit may be required.

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# AfPP Theatre Accreditation

## Sustaining perioperative excellence

Reaccreditation is conducted over one day (or longer if required) and ensures that high standards are maintained, renewing Accreditation for a further two years.

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# Review of Policies

## Align your documentation with national best practice

Two consultants will review your theatre policies against AfPP's standards. Following a consultation call, we:

- Complete the review offsite (usually within one day)
- Provide a detailed report outlining areas for improvement

This process ensures your documentation reflects current safety and governance expectations.

# Review of Staffing

## Safe Staffing for Safe Surgery

Two AfPP consultants conduct a thorough review of your current staffing levels using the AfPP Staffing for Patients in the Perioperative Setting guide.

The process includes:

- A consultation call
- Offsite review of staffing, service needs, and infrastructure
- A recommended staffing establishment report to support safe, effective care



# Perioperative Peer Review

## Independent, observational feedback from perioperative experts

Ideal for trusts seeking assurance or following adverse feedback (e.g. CQC), this on-site service includes:

- Team discussion
- Observation of patient care pathways
- Review of practice

A formal report is issued with recommendations. Any urgent safety concerns are addressed immediately.

A bespoke review can be conducted to address particular areas of concern.

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## Audit Visit

### Support in using the AfPP Perioperative Audit Tool

Designed to help teams implement our audit framework, this one-day visit includes:

- Hands-on guidance in using the audit tool
- Review of findings and observations during the visit
- Support in developing action plans based on findings

This visit is ideal for teams starting their audit journey or seeking practical support with implementation.

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*"AfPP Consultants were very professional during their visits. In each visit, they provided comprehensive feedback and structure, supporting us to improve our clinical practice in the operating department to the highest standards."*

**North Middlesex University Hospital**

## Why Choose AfPP?

- Driven by leaders in perioperative practice
- Advocate nationally recognised standards
- Promotes safety, assurance, and continual improvement
- Services tailored to your unique needs
- Receive a framed certificate and an accredited logo

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**For enquiries or to book a service:**

**Call 01423 881300 or email [admin@afpp.org.uk](mailto:admin@afpp.org.uk)**

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*"Like AfPP, the Priory Hospital is dedicated in providing effective practice within our theatres that is safe for both our patients and our staff. Working with AfPP has been a really rewarding experience and has enabled us to gain the assurance that we are providing care of the highest standard. The AfPP Team were kind and supportive during their visit and took the time to get to know the theatre team, listening to them and providing further advice and guidance where we could improve. We are incredibly proud to have been awarded AfPP Accreditation and will welcome a return visit when it's time for renewal."*

**The Priory Hospital, Circle Health Group**

*"Sue and Max, AfPP Consultants, visited for AfPP's Re-Accreditation. They were at the same time professional and friendly. They ensured that the theatre personnel felt comfortable during their visit, and they conducted their observations and checks with the utmost discretion. In general, the entire visit was extremely positive and Sue and Max deserve a 5-Star review."*

**Bishopswood Hospital, Circle Health Group**

# Costs

The following show costs for AfPP Theatre Accreditation, Peer Review, Audit Services, and supporting publications.

If you have any questions call AfPP on **01423 881300** to discuss your requirements.



Accreditation Audit (on-site)	£4,000 per day
Peer Review (on-site)	£4,500 per day
Policy Review and Staffing Review (off-site)	£2,750 per day
Publication: AfPP Audit Tool	£145
Publication: Standards & Recommendations for Safe Perioperative Practice	£165
Publication: Staffing for Patients in the Perioperative Setting	£32



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