GPC/RCGP Statement - Revalidation and Appraisal, Quality Improvement Activity

The GMC state that quality improvement activities "could take many forms" depending on the role a doctor undertakes and the work that they do.

The RCGP has defined the significant event audit and clinical audit as the core information for GPs to include under Review of Practice. GPs would, in most circumstances, be expected to provide evidence of these.

It is recognised, however, that clinical audit may be challenging for GPs in different working circumstances, for example locum and salaried GPs, and those who work in out-of-hours, walk-in-centres or similar environments.

GPs who feel that it would not be feasible for them to participate in clinical audit activity should produce alternative evidence of quality improvement and discuss this with their appraiser.

For such GPs, the RCGP has identified a range of alternative approaches to enable them to demonstrate evidence of quality improvement

If conducted properly, and with sufficient evidence of reflection, these alternative approaches should not be considered of any less value to conventional clinical audit activity.