



JAG accreditation scheme

JAG briefing 18/03: changes to the accreditation pathway for accredited services

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Introduction

In response to feedback from services, JAG has reviewed the accreditation pathway for accredited services to simplify the process and reduce the burden while still providing a robust assessment of the JAG standards. This document summarises the changes made to the pathway.

Changes

The table below summarises the changes made to the accreditation pathway:

Area	Former pathway	New pathway
Unit information	JAG collected unit information from all services annually in April at the same time as the GRS submission.	JAG will collect this data every two years. The next collection will be in 2019. This will reduce burden for services while still enabling the collection of important data on the provision of endoscopy.
Annual Report Card (ARC) / Annual review	Accredited services submitted the ARC in October.	Accredited services will submit the annual review on the anniversary of the site assessment. The annual review will be due on the first day of the anniversary month. For example: Site assessment date: 15 February 2018 Annual review due date: 1 February each year *In 2018 some service may be asked to submit earlier or later while we transition to the new pathway. Affected services will be contacted to advise them of this.
GRS census	Unaccredited services submitted the GRS in April and October.	There will be no change for unaccredited services, who will continue to submit the GRS in April and October.
	Accredited services submitted the GRS in April.	Accredited services will submit the GRS at the same time as their annual review. This will be on the anniversary of their JAG site assessment.

Frequently asked questions

When will I need to submit the annual review?

Your annual review will be due on the anniversary of their site assessment (on the first day of that month). For example, a service which had a site assessment on 15 September would have their annual review due on 1 September each year. In addition, the annual review will open for completion the month before this, (in this example, the annual review would open on 1 August each year). Service contacts should have received an email telling you when to submit the annual review in March 2018. If you are unsure please contact the JAG office.

Is there an example of the annual review so that I can prepare?

You can find an example of the annual review as well as a detailed document outlining the process on the JAG accreditation website.

Why has this change been made?

JAG has critically reviewed all parts of the accreditation pathway to ensure that we reduce the burden for services while still ensuring a robust accreditation pathway which supports services in meeting the JAG standards.

Further information

For further support on how the annual review, please see www.thejag.org.uk/support.