



## Quality Improvement Awards 2019 Winners

This year for the first time there was a Primary Care category and the winner was Aoibhin McGarrity's Crystal Clear project.



The project based in Coagh Medical Practice, aimed to improve gout treatment so that 75% of patients with gout would have their preventative medication titrated appropriately to achieve a serum urate of < 300. Gout is the most prevalent inflammatory arthritis, affecting 2.5% of adults in the UK. Improving treatment leads to less pain and joint destruction which preserves function and limits time off work. The results demonstrated that now 80% of patients with gout are on a preventer titrated appropriately as per guidance.