The Association of British Neurologists (ABN) is regularly asked to endorse guidelines, reports and other documents relating to the management of neurological conditions. The ABN offers two levels of support: full endorsement and ABN approval.

When an organisation wishes to seek ABN endorsement/approval for a document, they should approach the ABN as early as possible in the process. The proposal will be considered by the Quality Committee and ABN executive, and we will advise on which route is the most appropriate.

1. Full endorsement (including use of ABN coat of arms)

Full endorsement is restricted to those documents either commissioned by the ABN or with which the ABN (in the form of a committee or advisory group/designated individual) has been involved throughout the process.

Endorsement is usually reserved for documents with direct relevance to ABN priorities. If a designated individual is involved, it would be expected that there would be a review of the document during the process by at least one of (1) Relevant advisory group (2) Quality committee.

Endorsement requires sign-off by the Quality committee and ABN Council. Endorsement cannot be retrospective.

Any subsequent revised/updated documents that have previously been endorsed must involve a similar process to maintain ABN endorsement.

2. ABN Approval (use of coat of arms is not included).

Documents that do not meet the full endorsement criteria defined above may be considered for a statement of approval but are not eligible for formal endorsement.

All documents must be reviewed by the appropriate ABN Advisory Group or committee and approved by the ABN Council before endorsement or approval is confirmed.

Time limit for endorsement and approval

The planned review period should be stated [maximum 5 years].