

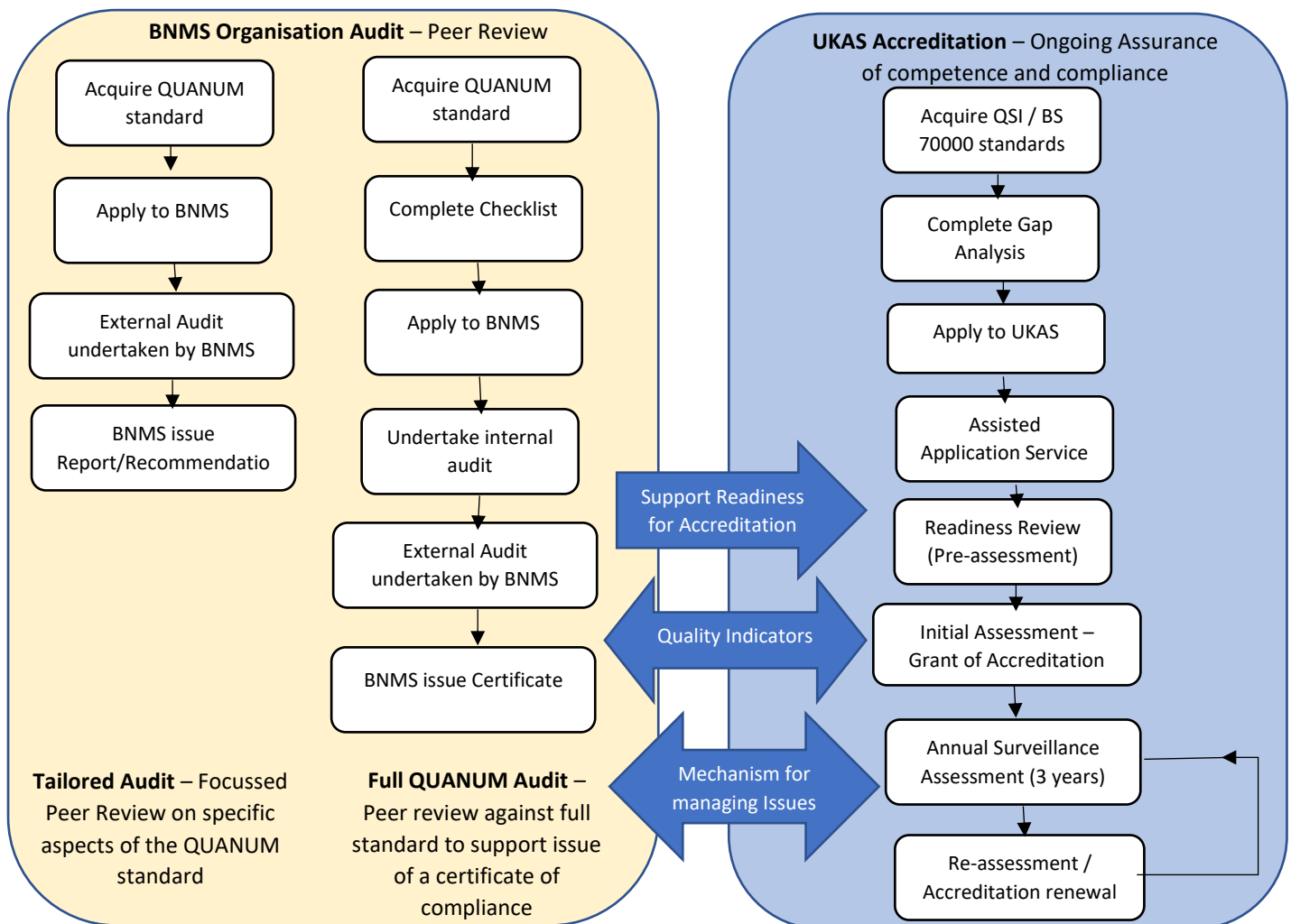
External Assurance Provision for Nuclear Medicine Services

Are you looking for 3rd party assurance through peer review on part or all of your Nuclear Medicine Service? If so, have you considered the services offered by BNMS and UKAS.

The BNMS Organisational Audit can be used to gain an external perspective on an immediate issue or to provide a one off audit of compliance against the QUANUMUK standard.

UKAS accreditation to QSI and BS 70000 standards would be an approach to consider if you are looking for ongoing assurance on the competence, compliance and governance of your Nuclear Medicine diagnostic, therapeutic and physics activities.

BNMS and UKAS are collaborating on providing support and external assurance on the quality, reliability and safety of Nuclear Medicine Services. The BNMS organisation audits and UKAS accredited complement each other and the diagram below illustrates the processes involved and how they can be utilised depending on the type of 3rd party assurance your service requires.



BNMS Organisational Audits

Organisational Audit is a process of peer review of the structure and the delivery of service within a Department. Following audits most departments identify that staffing level issues have been addressed, documentation has been extended or updated, communication within and beyond the

Department has improved, model documents/protocols are borrowed/adopted from other sites etc, etc. The process has been found to be of significant benefit to audited departments.

[Organisational Audit - British Nuclear Medicine Society \(bnms.org.uk\)](http://bnms.org.uk)

UKAS Accreditation

UKAS is the sole UK accreditation body appointed by government. Accreditation provides a independent and impartial 3rd party attestation of the competence and compliance of an organisation to specific standards. Within Nuclear Medicine these would be QSI and BS 70000. Accreditation has proven to provide assurance in the efficiency and validity of processes, confirmation accuracy of measurements, create assurance around innovation, demonstrate technical competence and deliver confidence.

[Quality Standard for Imaging \(QSI\) Accreditation \(ukas.com\)](http://ukas.com)

[Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering Accreditation \(ukas.com\)](http://ukas.com)