**SEA AUDIT**

How they compare

**SIGNIFICANT EVENT AUDIT**

- Typically focuses on single cases
- Reactive to events. SEA is carried out after an incident occurs
- Learning from experience. Adopts a case study team approach to help unpick what happened
- Compares care with what SHOULD NOT happen
- Should be multi-disciplinary activity, with results written into a report and widely shared.

**CLINICAL AUDIT**

- Focuses on groups of patients with the same condition or illness
- Anticipatory. Audits are conducted to see if care is following agreed best practice
- Learning from analysis. Review of hard data to determine how care is being delivered
- Compares care with what SHOULD happen
- Should be multi-disciplinary activity, with results written into a report and widely shared.

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