

Minutes from the NCAAG New Audits Subgroup  
New Topics for National Clinical Audit  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2011  
HQIP Offices

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**In attendance:**

Nick Black (NB)  
Pauline Ong (PO) – Chair  
Danny Keenan (DK)  
Geraldine Walters (GW)

**Apologies:**

Fiona Lecky  
Paul Roderick  
Katherine Birch  
Liz Draper

**Observers:**

Helen Laing – National Clinical Audit Lead  
Yvonne Silove – National Clinical Audit Senior Development Officer  
Lailaa Carr – Programme Co-ordinator (scribe)

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1.

P/O welcomed the members and noted apologies received. Beyond applying the six specific DH criteria, consideration would be given to ensuring that a topic was not already covered by an existing NCA.

2.

A large number of high quality proposals from a broad spread of clinical areas had been received and that this is very encouraging. This should be fed back to the DH as it clearly demonstrated the keen interest in clinical audit.

The reviewers (all 8 Sub-Group members) had used the six criteria to independently score each proposal, and all the scores were summarised in an Excel spreadsheet for this meeting. The following topics that were agreed to be eliminated first were those proposals that did not score highly and/or did not meet the criteria for inclusion in the NCAPOP. These were:

1. Perineal Tears
2. A Patient survey of anaesthetic services following a surgical procedure
3. NHS Switchboard times
4. National Vascular Registry (This was a strong proposal. A final decision is deferred until the commencement of the re-procurement of the Carotid Interventions Audit which is due to take place Autumn 2011. This is because the CIA would be one element of the Registry)
5. Enhancing Diabetes care in English Nursing Homes
6. Cholecystectomy

7. Initial approach to a newborn with disorder of sexual development
8. Protected ICU
9. Intrapartum care for healthy women at term
10. Dilution of injections and infusions in UK operating theatres
11. NHS workforce sickness absence care
12. Social factors in pregnancy
13. Cancer datasets
14. Psychiatric needs of the Elderly with enduring mental illness
15. Measuring compliance: Key NICE Guidelines
16. British Association for Parenteral and Entereal Nutrition (the decision on the audit was deferred till December and considered at the NCAAG meeting in line with the report from the Food and Nutrition development project)

3.

The following topics were discussed (taking into account the scores given by the members of the sub-committee and associated experts):

**Proposal 26: Rheumatoid and Early Inflammatory Arthritis**

The proposal for this topic area was considered to be of great importance and had high scores.

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit.***

**Proposal 39: Prospective audit on management of men with Prostate Cancer**

The topic had received high scores.

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

**Proposal 16 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)**

The topic met the criteria and had received good scores

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

**Proposal 12: Specialist rehabilitation for patients with complex needs following major illness or injury**

The topic was noted as a neglected area.  
The audit would be expected to link with TARN  
Proposal had received strong scores

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

**Proposal 22: Identification and management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Primary Care**

The topic area is a national issue and lacks a national audit.  
The topic complements the Renal Registry

Proposal had received strong scores

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

### **Proposal 23: Alcohol related harm in Secondary Care**

The topic did not meet the criteria for an audit, and it might be better to develop this as a research proposal.

The scores were mixed.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

### **Proposal 24: Breast Cancer Care**

The proposal had strong scores.

Topic is important with regard to national cancer strategy

It was agreed that the topic should encompass all existing breast cancer audits

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

### **Proposal 6: Venous Thromboembolism Prevention (VTE)**

The topic did not fit in with NCA criteria

The topic could be included within some of the other audits already collecting national data, for example in areas of stroke and hip fracture

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

### **Proposal 31: Laparotomy**

This was a good topic in an important area

The proposal had strong scores

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

### **Proposal 33: National STI Management Programme**

The topic was an important topic area

The topic complements other audits so there is a potential to combine

The topic was considered alongside proposal 8: National Audit of Healthcare for Adults with HIV and it was felt that both topics would need to be combined to form a single proposal for a national audit covering STIs and HIV

The proposal had strong scores

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

### **Proposal 35: Paediatric Neurosurgical Audit**

The topic did not fit with the audit criteria.  
The topic could possibly come under the UK Shunt Registry or pursue funding from other sources

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

#### **Proposal 15: National Hepatopancreaticobiliary Cancer Audit (NHPBCA)**

The proposal had received low scores.  
The topic area could be covered by another audit such as the National Bowel Cancer Audit and other cancer audits. Suggestions that it could be a part of the "AUGIS" audit.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

#### **Proposal 27: Child Maltreatment**

The scores were predominantly to the lower end.  
The topic area had no quality standards, so does not meet the audit criteria.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

#### **Proposal 1: National Ophthalmology Database**

The topic area was considered suitable for a national audit  
The proposed scope was ambitious (large number of procedures to be included)  
There was an important social care element included in the proposal  
The proposal had received strong scores

***Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit***

#### **Proposal 17: Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression (MSCC)**

The topic appeared not to have widespread clinical support and did not meet the criteria for a national audit.  
The scores were mixed, with half to the lower end.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

#### **Proposal 11: National Audit of the healthcare of individuals with profound and multiple Learning Difficulties**

The topic area would include primary, secondary and social care  
Links with voluntary organisations such as MENCAP need to be included  
The proposal had received strong scores

**Action: Put forward to be considered as a new national audit**

**Proposal 19: Subarachnoid Haemorrhage**

The proposal had a range of scores, predominantly at the lower end  
The topic did not meet the criteria for a national audit

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

**Proposal 34: Children and young People with Idiopathic Arthritis**

The proposal had a range of scores, predominantly at the lower end.  
The topic area did not meet the criteria for a national audit.  
The project had applied for multisite audit funding which would provide an opportunity for piloting and the development of guidelines

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

**Proposal 21: Intermediate Care**

The topic did not meet the requirements of a national audit.  
The scores were mixed, but with some very low scores.  
The proposers might consider applying for support from the NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation Programme

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

**Proposal 7: Sickle Cell Disease**

There were no evidence-based guidelines for this condition.  
This topic did not meet the criteria for a national audit.  
The scores were at the lower end.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

**Proposal 14: Cholecystectomy**

The topic area did not meet the criteria for a national audit.  
Scores were predominantly at the lower end

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

**Proposal 37: Critical Results**

The topic did not meet the criteria for a national audit.

The scores were low for this topic.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

### **Proposal 36: Health Promotion in Hospitals**

The topic received low scores.

The topic did not meet the criteria for a national audit.

***DECISION: Not to be put forward as a topic, REMOVED***

4.

It was agreed that the following topics should be recommended to the DH as new national audits.

#### **Year One**

- Breast Cancer Care OR Prospective Audit on Management of Men with Prostate Cancer
- National Ophthalmology Database
- Rheumatoid and Early Inflammatory Arthritis
- Specialist Rehabilitation for patients with complex needs following major illness/ surgery
- National Audit of the healthcare of individuals with Profound and multiple Learning Difficulties

#### **Year Two**

- Breast Cancer Care OR Prospective Audit on Management of Men with Prostate Cancer
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease\*
- Identification and management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Primary Care \*
- Laparotomy
- National STI Management Programme combined with National Audit of Healthcare for Adults with HIV

\*These audits will require significant data extraction from primary care and would benefit from the lessons learned by the National Diabetes Audit which is currently developing appropriate methods.

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Actions

NB to write to the DH with the list of recommended topics to be considered for new national audits.