

NHS England Eligibility Criteria for the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP)

(The NCAPOP comprises National Clinical Audits (NCAs) and Clinical Outcome Review Programmes (CORPs))

1. Alignment with overall NHS England priorities

- i.** Meets the requirements of the Government's current Mandate to NHS England
- ii.** Aligns with priorities identified across the 5 domains of the current NHS Outcomes Framework
- iii.** Aligns with the current CCG Outcomes Framework
- iv.** Embeds 'parity of esteem' and integrated care in line with NHS England's approach to integrated, whole pathway care

2. Impact and value for money

- i.** The NCA/CORP methodology is appropriate to the need(s) defined in 3. and the use and unique benefit of the approach is clear
- ii.** The outcome could not be achieved within or by adapting an existing quality assessment mechanism (NCAs, CORPs, safety assessment measure)
- iii.** If process measures are included, relevant national guidelines and standards are or will be available.
- iv.** Successful achievement of the project is likely within the time and money available
- v.** The project represents good value for money.

3. Need

- i.** Evidence that care quality and outcomes are of current concern
- ii.** Evidence of unacceptable variation in care quality and outcomes
- iii.** Topic responsible for a substantial burden for patients/carers and for NHS
- iv.** Clinical improvement(s) to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly defined

4. Professional and patient/carer support

- i. There is evidence that patients/carers support the need(s) identified in 1.
- ii. There is evidence that professionals support both the need and the NCA/CORP approach proposed

5. Alignment with other national activities (where appropriate)

- i. The project supports national and local monitoring of the implementation of NICE clinical guidelines and quality standards
- ii. The project supports current and anticipated national quality levers including CQUINs/BPT/QOF etc.
- iii. The project supports current and anticipated national quality improvement activities (e.g. quality dashboards, safety thermometer etc.)

6. Position within the Quality Framework portfolio

- i. The project maintains the intended portfolio balance across the 5 domains of the NHS Outcomes Framework