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Dear Colleague

Re: Improving Quality and Evidence through National Clinical Audits

This letter is to alert you to the funding required from local Trusts towards the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP). As you will be aware, the NHS standard contract requires provider organisations to participate in the appropriate NCAPOP audits and Trusts have been responsible for a proportion of the NCAPOP audit costs since 2012-13. These funding arrangements were set out in the Department of Health's letter dated 18 January 2012 (DH Gateway reference number: 17046).

This funding arrangement is to continue for 2016-17. However, instead of linking charges to participation in specific audit projects, a standard charge of £10,000 + VAT per annum will be made to all NHS Trusts.

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If you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter, please direct them to the following e-mail address: finance@hqip.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bruce Keogh' with a horizontal line underneath.