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Dear Colleague

**Re: Improving Quality and Evidence through National Clinical Audits**

This letter is to remind you of the funding contribution 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 (Gateway reference number: 17046).

The funding arrangement for a charge of £10,000 + VAT from all NHS trusts is to continue for 2020-21.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the contributions made to the NCAPOP, not just financial, but also the time invested which supports the NHS to deliver improvements in quality and clinical care for patients.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Powis'.

**Professor Stephen Powis**  
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