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**HQIP and meetings**

During the pandemic many organisations learnt multiple lessons about new ways of working.  HQIP **converted to an entirely virtual organisation** with the ability, in rare circumstances and with very specific needs, to host face-to-face meetings.  The circumstances that lead to this decision include:

* During the pandemic virtual meetings were held very successfully, including Clinical Outcome Review Programme (CORP) Independent Advisory Group (IAG) meetings, Specification Development Meetings (SDMs) and large meetings with multiple stakeholders and attendees, these are all considered to be ‘business as usual’ meetings and are now hosted virtually
* HQIP, and other organisations, have generally made good investment in IT infrastructure with reliable systems
* We wish to avoid returning to old practices when new agile ways of working are available
* Inclusivity:
	+ People with disabilities and mobility issues are much more able to participate virtually
	+ Clinicians have reported that they are more able to attend virtual meetings with limited burden to clinical activity.  HQIP, as much as possible, does not want to add to front line clinical burden and hence reducing travel time has enabled clinicians to attend meetings in full or part
	+ Accessibility for Devolved Nations and Crown Dependencies again with the avoidance of travelling long distances
* The current economic climate is such that transport systems are unreliable
* There are significant public money savings to be made and HQIP considers good use of public spend is recognised through virtual meetings
* NHSE has signed up to the Government pledge of carbon zero and HQIP 100% supports this pledge. The HQIP carbon reduction plan, as required by NHSE procurement department, is here [HQIP-Carbon-Reduction-Plan-2022.pdf](https://www.hqip.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/HQIP-Carbon-Reduction-Plan-2022.pdf#:~:text=The%20Healthcare%20Quality%20Improvement%20Partnership%20%28HQIP%29%20is%20committed,Net%20Zero%20emissions%20by%202050.%20Baseline%20Emissions%20Footprint) . The HQIP-NHSE NCAPOP contract includes monitoring of this plan.