

NAGCAE Update

for NQICAN meeting

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NQICAN, NAGCAE, & HQIP



Provide a voice for staff working in clinical audit and quality improvement

- Development of regional networks
- Engage, influence and be a point of contact for key organisations such as HQIP
- Support the development of national clinical audit
- Work to align clinical audit, quality improvement and improvement science

National
Advisory Group
for Clinical
Audit and
Enquiries
(NAGCAE)

Policy and strategic advice to NHS England on clinical audit and enquiries; national strategy for clinical audit

- Drive the reinvigoration of the national clinical audit (NCA) programme
- Support NHS staff involved in local audits and enquiries in their own Trusts.
- Improve connections between NCA, clinical enquiries, quality assessment, QI and interventions such as revalidation, regulation and commissioning; and between clinical audit and other routine data collection in the NHS.



Managing and improving the national clinical audit programme

- Training and resources
- Building CA into commissioning, regulation and revalidation processes
- Helping QI staff obtain professional status
- Helping shape and form policy around QI

National clinical audit programme, clinical audit, confidential enquiries, quality improvement, associated processes e.g. revalidation

Update

- New members
- Methodological Research
- Linkage of patient identifiable data
- Consultant Outcomes Programme
- Engaging clinicians in QI through NCA

Membership

- New Members
 - NHS Manager
 - Lay Member
 - Statistician
- Nick Black term extended 1 year to December 2016

Methodological Research

- NAGCAE's paper on priorities for methodological research presented to MRC/NIHR Methodology Research Panel
- * The group was most interested in prioritising the following topics:
 - benefits and costs of different methods to check the completeness and accuracy of audit data
 - linkage across audits to contract and assess pathways of care
 - using multiple audits to look at a provider's overall performance
 - design features of outputs of national clinical audits that are most effective at stimulating local quality improvement
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- * There was less support for the other three topics (e.g. measuring severity of primary conditions / comorbidities; error estimates of risk-adjusted performance indicators; calibrating risk models in response to improving outcomes) as it was felt that a lot of work had already done in those areas.
- NAGCAE discussed at March 2015 -

Information Governance

- Executive level discussions over 10 months are currently underway between HQIP, the Health & Social Care Information Centre and NHSE to explore the implications of recent legislation and develop a plan to introduce necessary changes relating to patient identifiable data.
- Areas being considered are: legal; information requirements and delivery; operational requirements; and communications.
- NAGCAE concerned that the changes being proposed by the HSCIC could pose a significant threat to clinical audit both at national and local levels.

Consultant Outcomes Programme

- Presentation from Danny Keenan



Consultant
Outcomes Programme - Da

Engaging clinicians in QI through NCA

- <http://www.hqip.org.uk/engaging-clinicians-in-quality-improvement-through-national-clinical-audit/>
- Good critique of NCA
- 46 Recommendations



Engaging Clinicians in Quality Improvement through National Clinical Audit

Commissioned by: Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership

Author: Dominique Allwood, Fellow in Improvement Science, Improvement Science London

Completed: January 2014

Published: October 2014 (first edition)

NCA Quality Assessment Framework

- All participating NCA suppliers completed assessment
- Concern about value judgements
- Good first step
- Need to be more rigorous, need for independent review
- Future plan to use to determine NCAs reported in Quality Accounts

New audits (NAGCAE subgroup)

<u>New audit</u> subgroup activity	Audit	Date/Provisional Month	Subgroup members involved
Breast Cancer and the new Maternity and Perinatal Audit – procurement			
<i>Read and score tenders</i>	<i>Breast cancer & Maternity</i>	<i>Mid/late July 2015</i>	<i>ALL NAGCAE new audit subgroup members</i>
<i>Tender clarification meeting</i>	<i>Breast cancer & Maternity</i>	<i>September 2015</i>	<i>ALL NAGCAE new audit subgroup members</i>

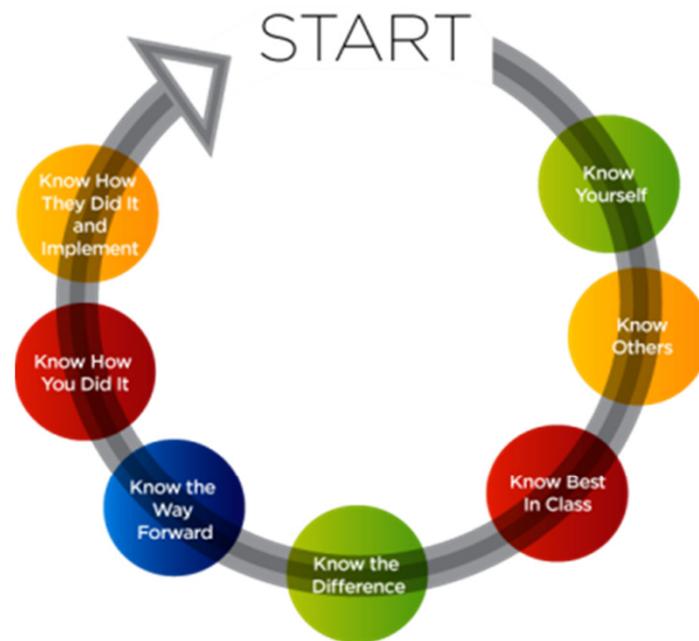
Renewals (NAGCAE subgroup)

<u>Renewals</u> subgroup activity	Audit	Date/Provisional Month	Subgroup members involved
Emergency Laparotomy extension evaluation and COPD PREMS feasibility report evaluation			
<i>Review and seek clarification on NELA extension proposal and COPD feasibility report</i>	<i>NELA and COPD</i>	<i>30th March – 13th April 2015</i>	<i>ALL NAGCAE renewals subgroup members</i>
<i>Evaluation meeting</i>	<i>NELA and COPD</i>	<i>Early May, 2015</i>	<i>ALL NAGCAE renewals subgroup members</i>
COPD Extension evaluation			
<i>Review and seek clarification on COPD extension proposal</i>	<i>COPD</i>	<i>Late May / early June 2015</i>	<i>ALL NAGCAE renewals subgroup members</i>
<i>Evaluation meeting</i>	<i>COPD</i>	<i>Early July, 2015</i>	<i>ALL NAGCAE renewals subgroup members</i>

NHS Benchmarking Network

Overview of the NHSBN

- Founded in 1996
- 347 member organisations
- Membership continues to grow
- Steering Group of member representatives
- Sector based reference groups
 - Mental health
 - Commissioning
 - Acute
 - Community
- Hosted by East London NHS Foundation Trust
- Non-profit making – all membership fees support the work programme



“benchmarking is the use of structured comparisons to help define and implement best practice”

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Benchmarking Network



NHS Benchmarking
Network powerpoint

