

HQIP Data and Programme Delivery Burden Reduction Statement

This statement has been published by HQIP to demonstrate our commitment to reducing the burden on healthcare provider organisations participating in the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP) which may arise from acquiring, submitting and checking data, or other activities associated with their participation in the programme.

As HQIP is the commissioner of the NCAPOP, we enact this commitment through understanding the sources of burden and taking appropriate commissioning steps to reduce it. HQIP guidance for the NCAPOP project teams includes the expectation of an annually reviewed and published data burden reduction strategy for each constituent programme.

How HQIP is working towards data burden reduction:

1. Emphasising the importance of burden reduction in all NCAPOP specifications and asking specifically about this during commissioning and regularly throughout the contract lifespan.
2. Identifying all sources of suitable routine data* as early in the project lifecycle as possible.
3. Requiring our providers to ensure that every data field requested or acquired is identified in the analysis plan as necessary (e.g. for published reports or dashboards).
4. Requiring any data collection platforms to be piloted during development, to be intuitive and have in-built logical checks and other tools to reduce burden and provide excellent user experience.
5. Working with NCAPOP audits to limit metrics and requiring that all metrics are mapped to evidence-based standards and / or provide comparative outcomes.
6. Regular liaison with the NHSE Data Access Request Service (DARS) and associated organisations in the devolved nations to facilitate more timely receipt of routine data to be used in lieu of bespoke data wherever possible.
7. Regular liaison with [National Quality Improvement \(incl. Clinical Audit\) Network \(N-QI-CAN\)](#) to understand the impact of data burden on healthcare providers and clearly communicate this feedback to providers of the audits and outcome review programmes.
8. Dedicated work and workshops to focus on how HQIP can make it easier for healthcare providers to understand data submission requirements and how to submit data from their existing organisational data systems, including Electronic Patient Records (EPRs).
9. Working with NHS England and other funding nations to identify and minimise overlapping and duplicate data requests where these exist.
10. Working to the principle of 'Collect once and use multiple times'.
11. Dedicated work to share good practice on using the outputs of the NCAPOP projects, e.g. collating reports using the generated outputs and communicating for impact.

* The term 'routine data' encompasses any existing digital dataset held locally or nationally that is suitable and accessible for the audits or clinical outcome review programme's requirements and is collected electronically as part of a patient's healthcare encounter e.g. HES, PEDW, ONS, MHDS, EPR records. (Additional data collected for the purpose of the audit/outcome review programme would not be classed as 'routine'.)