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Dear Colleagues,

The Clinical Audit Department will be collating a Health Board wide Clinical Audit Programme. This Programme will be a summary of planned clinical audit activity regularly updated and prioritised in accordance with Health Board strategy and policy.

We would like to invite you to consider what clinical audit projects might be beneficial to the organisation. As members of a Senior Organisational Committee, you will have a unique and overarching view of priorities and can support the alignment of clinical audits with organisational objectives.

Projects proposed for the programme are intended to be pre-defined, planned clinical audits that will be carried out within the next 6 months. As a committee, you may not be able to suggest something so specific and may wish to suggest “topics” or areas of concern instead. Discussing these projects/topics with the relevant operational team will be the most effective way of seeing these projects being implemented. The Clinical Audit Department can support this process by highlighting these projects to operational teams as a priority audit topic.

We would ask you to:

- Consider audit topics/projects for inclusion within the programme
- Notify the relevant Operational Team that you have highlighted this topic for inclusion
- Notify the Clinical Audit Department of this project/topic

Please note that all projects on the programme will still be required to go through the Health Board clinical audit proposal/approval process. When the audit is ready to be undertaken it will need to be registered on the AMAT system at that time.

To include proposed projects in the audit programme we will need to receive all responses by the 30th April 2026. Any project proposals submitted after this date will be required to go through additional processes for inclusion in the programme as existing audits will have been allocated a priority.

We look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the Clinical Audit Manager or Director for Clinical Audit. Additional information and contact details can be found below.

Yours Sincerely

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Hywel Dda University Health Board Clinical Audit Programme 2026/27 (Apr – Sept)

Name of person completing submission: *E-mail:*.....

Name of committee or group this submission originates from:

| Specialty | Audit Topic | Project Lead | Proposed Location | Reasons for Inclusion* <i>(please see below)</i> |
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**Reasons for inclusion - Please provide details of the following:*

- *Details of the key objective, risk register reference etc. that the project is linked to*
- *Reference to the high priority nature of this project and other relevant details including consideration of why this project should be chosen over other audits*

Projects that do not meet the criteria for inclusion cannot be added to the forward programme

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Additional Information

How we can support you

All clinical audit projects will be assigned a priority level based on the clinical audit proposal and supplementary information that we receive regarding the audit. The Clinical Audit Department aims to support clinical audit projects on the Health Board Wide programme. Support will be allocated based on priority and availability of Department resources.

The finalised programme will be available to view on the intranet, allowing all staff to view current/planned audit activity within the Health Board. All clinical audit activity is also viewable using the AMAT system and can be accessed by any AMAT user.

Why we are doing this

The Health Board needs to support effective clinical audit that leads to improvements in the quality of care that we provide. Audit projects should contribute to the achievement of Health Board priorities and be clear about how patient care will be improved. There is a need to adhere to all external mandatory priorities whilst continuing to support quality local audit activity related to Health Board priorities. With finite resources for audit activity there is a limited number of projects which can be supported by the Clinical Audit Department and the wider Health Board, therefore, it is vital that we have a robust system to prioritise, approve, and monitor audits.

It will be an annual programme broken down into two 6 monthly periods with reports produced each financial year.

Functions of the programme

The programme will fulfil several functions and allows us to:

- Meet the requirements for external priorities
- Monitor progress made in completing the programme
- Monitor the quality of clinical audit activity
- Monitor the impact of the programme
- Focus audit activity on quality improvement
- Identify specialties/departments with low levels of clinical audit activity

Priorities for inclusion in the programme

- National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan - automatically included on the programme (**see below**)
- Patient Safety Issues
- NICE guidance
- Welsh Risk Pool required audits
- Audits associated with the risk register
- Complaints/Incidents/Litigation that require clinical audit
- Important local audit priorities

Re-audit, in order to identify the impact of change, will be a core part of the programme.

Mandatory National Clinical Audits Update for 2026

- **Acute**
 - National Joint Registry

- National Laparotomy Audit (NELA)
- Case Mix Programme (ICNARC)
- National Major Trauma Registry

- **Long Term Conditions**
 - National Core Diabetes Audit (Primary Care)
 - National Diabetes Footcare
 - National Diabetes Inpatient Safety Audit
 - National Gestational Diabetes Audit
 - National Pregnancy in Diabetes
 - National Paediatric Diabetes Audit
 - National Diabetes Prevention Programme Audit
 - National Diabetes Integrated Specialist Survey Audit
 - Transition (Adolescents and Young Adults) and Young Type 2 Audit
 - National Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - National Pulmonary Rehabilitation
 - National Adult Asthma Audit
 - Wales Primary Care Audit (Asthma & COPD)
 - National Early Inflammatory Arthritis
 - All Wales Audiology Audit

- **Older People**
 - SSNAP (Stroke)
 - National Audit of Inpatient Falls
 - National Hip Fracture Database
 - Fracture Liaison Service Database
 - National Audit of Dementia

- **End of Life**
 - National Audit of Care at the End of Life (NACEL)

- **Heart**
 - National Heart Failure
 - Cardiac Rhythm Management
 - Myocardial Ischaemia National Audit Project (MINAP)
 - Cardiac Rehabilitation

- **Cancer**
 - National Lung Cancer
 - National Prostate Cancer
 - National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit
 - National Audit of Metastatic Breast Cancer
 - National Audit of Primary Breast Cancer
 - National Bowel Cancer Audit
 - National Ovarian Cancer Audit
 - National Pancreatic Cancer Audit
 - National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit
 - National Kidney Cancer Audit

- **Women's and Children's Health**
 - National Neonatal Audit Programme
 - National Maternity and Perinatal
 - National Children and young people's asthma



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- National Audit of Seizures and Epilepsies in Children and Young People (Epilepsy12)

- **Mental Health**

- National Clinical Audit of Psychosis

N.B. All projects listed above have the potential to run in the 2026/27 year, however most, but not all of them will do so.