

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 13/05/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

	<i>National Audits (including Quality Account Audits)</i>	<i>Local Clinical Audits</i>
1. <i>Which Groups / Committees receive updates on National Audit participation and how frequently?</i>	<p><b>Each Directorate that has a governance meeting receives a report including both NAs and LAs; these are then reported at each Divisional Governance Meeting who discuss and then send their report to the board sub-committees.</b></p> <p><b>Board sub-committees: Clinical Quality and Effectiveness Group holds the respective Divisional Director to account against this report and then report this to Quality Governance Group.</b></p> <p><b>In addition the Clinical Audit &amp; Effectiveness Group receives reports on activity with a view to system and process support.</b></p> <p><b>As the reports ascend through the organisation to the board they summarise the finer detail. Currently this reporting cycle is monthly.</b></p>	
2. <i>Are National and Local Audits reported against separately?</i>	<b>Yes. They are reported in separate sections within the same overall governance report.</b>	
3. <i>Do the Central Team produce reports? If yes:</i>	<b>Yes</b>	
a) <i>How many in the Central Team support / work on this?</i>	<b>These, along with NICE publications, NCEPOD and other health guidance, inquiries and information are all dealt with by the Clinical Audit &amp; Effectiveness Team which consists of one manager, one full time and 2 part time facilitators and administrative support.</b>	
b) <i>How frequently are they produced / submitted?</i>	<b>Each iteration is monthly</b>	
4. <i>Do the Services / Divisions produce reports? If yes:</i>	<b>No - All the reports mentioned above are produced through clinical audit team staff working closely with the clinical teams and managers.</b>	
a) <i>How frequently are they produced / submitted?</i>		
5. <i>Does your organisation produce an Annual Audit</i>	<b>Yes - our 'Clinical Audit Forward Programme' is a rolling account of all forthcoming clinical audit inputs.</b>	

<i>Plan?</i>	This is updated annually using the NSHE Quality Account and other inputs yet to start are added throughout the year. Reported annually to Clinical Quality and Effectiveness Group with a quarterly update.
6. <i>Does your organisation produce an Annual Audit Report? If yes:</i>	<b>Yes</b>
a) <i>Who completes it</i>	<b>Clinical audit lead with oversight of head of governance, Associate Director for Clinical Audit and the Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Group.</b>
b) <i>Which Group / committee is it presented to</i>	<b>Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Group who approve it for sending to the sub-committees: Clinical Quality and Effectiveness Group &amp; Quality Governance Group.</b>
c) <i>What does it cover</i>	<b>All clinical audit related inputs: National Audits, NICE publications, Local Audits, NCEPOD work, CQuIN and LQS and any related reports, enquiries etc.</b>