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Purpose of the Report	This paper informs the Quality & Safety Committee of the publication by Welsh Government of the new requirements for National Clinical Audits for 2019/20.		
Key Issues	Clinical Audit is an important function that helps to demonstrate the safety and quality of Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) services and supports benchmarking of performance against national and international peers. It is the intention of Executive Medical Directorate to support the participation and completion of all these national clinical audits. In the previous year, SBUHB has been considered an outlier in the National Hip Fracture Audit and Vascular Surgery Audit.		
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the new list of national Clinical Audits and Outcome Reviews; and • NOTE that an update report of current performance at the next Quality & Safety Committee. 		

NATIONAL CLINICAL AUDITS FOR 2019/20

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper informs the Quality & Safety Committee of the publication by Welsh Government of the new requirements for National Clinical Audits for 2019/20.

2. BACKGROUND

Welsh health boards and trusts should provide the resources to enable their staff to participate in all audits, reviews and national registers included in the annual plan. They should ensure the full audit cycle is completed and that findings and recommendations from audit link directly into the quality improvement programme and lead to improved patient care and outcomes.

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It is the intention of SBUHB Executive Medical Directorate to support the participation and completion of all these national clinical audits. We will ensure that we appoint a clinical lead to act as a champion and point of contact for every National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review in which the health board is participating. We will also ensure there is a formally recognised process for reviewing the organisations performance when reports are published.

We will oversee the completion of the assurance pro-forma developed and agreed by the National Clinical Audit & Outcome Review Advisory Committee. This is used to provide internal and external assurance of the actions being taken to address audit report findings. The assurance pro-forma should be completed within four weeks of audit report publications and should be regularly updated.

We will facilitate the wider use of data from audit and national registries in units and services to make it available to be used as supporting information for medical revalidation and peer review. We will also ensure learning from audit and review is shared across the organisation and communicated to staff and patients

These Audits are listed in Appendix A:

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

The Health Board's National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review process will include consideration of improvements (planned and delivered) and an escalation process to ensure the executive board is made aware when issues around participation, improvement and risk identification against recommendation are identified. We will ensure clear lines of communication that ensure full board engagement in the consideration of audit, and review of findings and, where required, the change process to ensure improvements in the quality and safety of services take place.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Given the Bridgend Boundary Change and the transfer of staff to Cwm Taf Morgannwg, we are currently unable to state if the remaining resource in the Health Board Clinical Audit team is adequate. We will address this in our next paper to be delivered at the July 2019 Quality & Safety Committee.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **NOTE** the new list of national Clinical Audits and Outcome Reviews; and
- **NOTE** that an update report of current performance at the next Quality & Safety Committee.

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose)	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
(please choose)	Staying Healthy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
National Clinical Audit is an important function that helps to demonstrate the safety and quality of Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) services and supports benchmarking of performance against national and international peers. Full participation in National Clinical Audits will ensure the Health Board is able to take assurance.		
Financial Implications		
There are no immediate financial considerations but this will be reviewed taking into account the loss of staff to Cwm Taf Morgannwg.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
Section 1 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to continue the promotion of a comprehensive health service designed to secure improvement in the physical and mental health of the people of Wales. Section 2 of that Act empowers Welsh Ministers to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of that duty. The 8th annual National Clinical Audit and Outcomes Review Plan confirmed the list of National Clinical Audits and Outcome Reviews, which all health boards and trusts are, expected to participate in 2019-20 (when they provide the service). The plan also confirms how the findings from audits and reviews will be used to measure and drive forward improvements in the quality and safety of healthcare services in Wales.		
Staffing Implications		
There are no immediate human resource considerations but this will be reviewed taking into account the loss of staff to Cwm Taf Morgannwg.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		

The paper will have an impact on the “The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 5 ways of working.

- Long Term – Improvements in Quality & Safety make long term delivery more robust
- Prevention – Responding to Audit findings by acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help the Health Board meet its objectives.
- Collaboration - Responding to Audit findings may lead to increased acting in collaboration within and without the Health board that could help it to meet its well-being objectives.
- Involvement - Responding to Audit findings may increase the involvement of people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area, which the Health Board serves.

Report History	October 2018 – Annual report of the Executive Medical Directorate
Appendices	NHS Wales National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan: Annual Rolling Programme from 2019/20