

# HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

CASC Learn at Lunch

Wednesday 17 December

12.30 to 13.30

We know that clinical audit, effectiveness and quality improvement staff are facing a huge array of challenges at the moment. Join us to share your stories.

We will be providing a psychologically safe space where CASC members will share their current challenges and invite others to talk about concerns and battles they are currently facing.

Plus as Christmas will be just over a week away, we will make sure there is some festive fun!



To book your free place, simply email [info@clinicalauditsupport.com](mailto:info@clinicalauditsupport.com)



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## Association for Clinical Audit and Registries (ACAR)



### **Iain Smith - Associate Director of ACAR**

With over 25 years of experience in the English NHS in national, regional and local roles, Iain is an experienced senior leader with a nationally established reputation in the field of healthcare quality improvement. Iain has many years of experience applying systematic improvement methods in various healthcare contexts and in designing and implementing improvement strategies at local, regional and national scale. Iain is also experienced in learning design and pedagogy and has delivered national capability building programmes using both traditional face-to-face and technology enhanced learning formats. Iain is a mathematics graduate and holds postgraduate qualifications in research methods and transformational change as well as a PhD in healthcare quality improvement. Iain also undertakes visiting academic work and is an Associate Editor for the BMJ Leader journal.





Clinical Audit Support Centre


# CASC's 12 Days of Christmas


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Happy Christmas everyone! Thank you for joining us as we countdown to Santa's arrival. Now that we are in advent, we will start to release free CASC materials that we hope those of you working in clinical audit, quality improvement and patient safety will find useful. As the the Christmas clock counts down, we will post materials on most working days. Our final offering will be shared on Monday 22 December and we will keep this resource live until Twelfth Night, but on 6 January 2026 the resource will be taken down.

# For those interested in AI and CA...

## AI in Clinical Audit: do the benefits outweigh the risks?

04/12/2025 

64 mins 

[Transcript](#) 

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### ▼ Description

For episode 21 of The AMaT Podcast, Angela Ward, Dr Mohammed Al-Khalidi, Steve Parker, and Suzanne Henderson discuss AI in Clinical Audit and whether the benefits outweigh the risks.

This episode's guests:

Angela Ward is the clinical audit and outcomes manager at The London Clinic.

Dr Mohammed Al-Khalidi is a Senior Lecturer in Cyber Security and leads the Cyber Security Research Lab at Manchester Metropolitan University's Department of Computing and Mathematics.

Steve Parker is the Technical Director of Meantime IT.

Suzanne Henderson is the Programme Manager at Meantime AMaT.



A few key observations...



Healthcare Conferences UK  
Clinical Audit for Improvement Summit 20.03.25



**Stella Vig**

*NHS England*

**"What I do know is we won't be talking about the things we talk about today in five years time because I think our landscape will be different"**

**NQICAN Open Meeting**  
**03.12.25**



## **Iain Smith**

*Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership*

**"I think the context of where we are at... the uncertainty that is around... I think the changes that are on the horizon through the 10 year plan and so on and the changes that we are facing in the national landscape and the transitions that are underway are probably all a factor in it" *[in terms of why HQIP feel now is the right time to set up the Association of Clinical Audit and Registries]***

# Top 3... worries and concerns





# QI and CA: friends or foes?

What best describes the current relationship between your organisation's quality improvement and your clinical audit / effectiveness team?

4.1%



Very strong

19.2%



Strong

38.4%



Mediocre

20.5%



Weak

17.8%

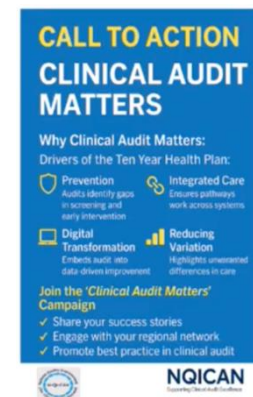


Very weak



# We are we not getting our message out?

- Very few NHS audits being published
- Social media tumble-weed for CA
- CAAW Awards mainly rewarding QI projects, not audits
- Clinical audit mentioned once in new NHS 10 Year Health Plan
- Clinical audit didn't feature in Helen Bevan's QI Methods Olympics (32 methods included)
- New 'Clinical Audit Matters' campaign from NQICAN...



# Clinical audit 'shrinkflation'\*



\*Huge drop in CA vacancies as per CASC Jobs Bulletin in 2025



# NCA issues... where to begin?

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**Stella Vig**

*NHS England*

"We can't go on adding more and more and more [national] audits. There are well over 200 audits in play at the minute. It's just a data burden. Is it making a difference? I'm not sure"

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**Stella Vig**

*NHS England*

"Audits and registries, if I am frank, have got themselves into a bit of a state, not the audit themselves, but actually our structures and governance around them. There is a lot of work to do to rebuild trust within our community"



# Our 'no challenge' community...

- Too many people listening, but not asking questions
- NQICAN meetings are a good example as the same people question:
  - Regional Chairs: Laila, Carl, Janette, etc.
  - Ex-Regional Chairs: Di, Zoe, Craig, etc.
  - John Hignett
  - CASC
- Virtually no questions to Iain re ACAR at last meeting
- No update on NHS England strategy
- 800 hits on NQICAN website in last quarter
- Huge annual NQICAN underspends
- Chat immobilized and Q&A not observed so it is hard to challenge



# Apathy central...

- NHS Futures forum generating almost zero engagement
- No one wants to be a regional chair or part of the NQICAN leadership team (funding on offer)
- HQIP not updating guidance docs
- NQICAN website totally out of date!

Network Chair



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# Local and experienced champions!

You reposted  
**Vicki Barsby**  
 @vicki\_barsby

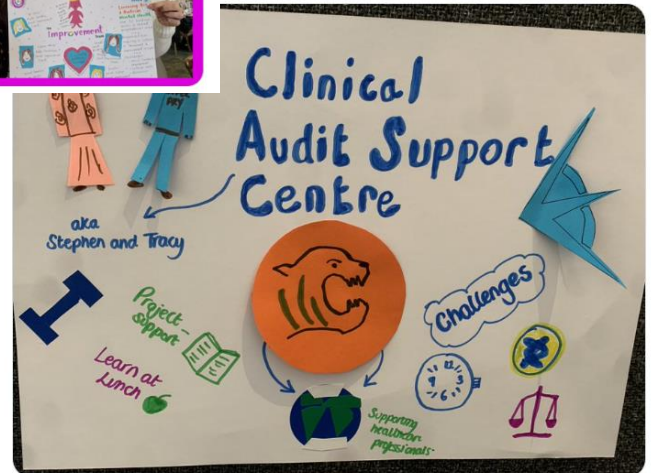
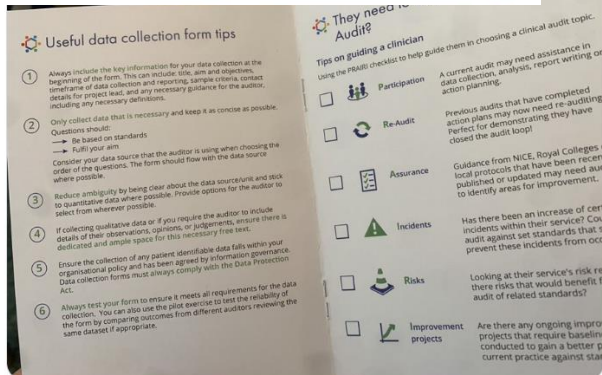
It was a pleasure to speak at the @TrackedbyAMaT Conference yesterday.  
 To speak on behalf of @DCHSCET but to represent @SFHImprovement was amazing!  
 Good food 🍴 Supportive peers 🙌 and challenge and ideas 💡 made the day worth its weight in gold! Thank you all!



**CWPT\_QI** @CWPT\_QI · May 15  
 We've sent @cutlers2 & @AParkinson\_QI to the #AMaT2025 #Conference in Manchester with some of our amazing #QI posters and 4 have been #shortlisted 🙌👏🥳🎉  
 ✨ to all who have entered and 🙌 for a 🏆  
 #Movement4Improvement #Creative ❤️ #Curious ❤️ #Courageous ❤️ #NHS @TrackedbyAMaT



Manchester · May 16  
 created at the @TrackedbyAMaT conference ASC. A whole heap of fun! We are going to work on week! 😄





**Alison Unsworth** @AlisonUnsworth1 · Mar 20



The Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Team @WVLNHS are delighted to have been shortlisted in the #hsjdigital awards.

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