Clinical Audit Survey 2017 Interim results

Initial Draft Findings

Of 176 respondents, 32% stated that they felt 'more positive' about clinical audit than a year ago (29% in 2016), 36% stated they felt 'more negative' (34% in 2016) and 32% reported they were 'neither more or less positive' (37% in 2016).

Ratings for national clinical audits once again resulted in 'moderate' attaining the top rating at 40.9%. 'Moderate' has been the top answer to this question since the survey started in 2010. 32.9% of respondents rated NCA's as 'excellent' or 'good' (31.3% in 2016). 26.1% rated NCA's as 'poor' or 'very poor', 11.9% in 2016.

For the eighth consecutive year, the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) was voted the 'most effective national audit' with 19 votes. The National Clinical Audit of Psychosis (NCAP) was voted 'least effective national audit' (27 votes).

81% of respondents felt that local audits are more effective than national audits (19%) at improving patient care. Results showed a slight shift compared to 2016, where 83% voted for local audits and 17% for national.

45% of respondents stated that they did not 'intend to work in clinical audit or have responsibilities for audit in 5 years time'. This was identical to 2016.

Most used software packages for managing audit data were reported as: Excel (91%), followed by Access (29%) and SurveyMonkey (27%). These were the top three packages identified in last year's survey

Most used clinical audit resources were: HQIP eBulletin (94%), HQIP website (92.6%) and NICE website (87.9%). Same top three but in a slightly different order to 2016 when NICE website ranked first.

75% rated patient involvement in clinical audit as 'poor' (71% in 2016), 22% 'average' (27% in 2016) and 3% as 'good' (2% in 2016).

7% of respondents stated they had 'more resources' to support clinical audit in their organisations now compared to 12 months previously (down from 11% in 2016). Those reporting 'fewer resources' increased from 45% to 46%.

17% of respondents stated that national clinical audit has been reinvigorated (down from 22% in 2016). 15% stated that local clinical audit has been reinvigorated (down from 21% in 2016).

Many thanks to all who took the time to give feedback. We will spend the next few months examining the data in more detail and will periodically provide further updates and a full report later in 2018.