

National Advisory Group for Clinical Audit & Enquiries

Consultation on Future of Audit staff in Trusts

Responses to the overall document and to the specific questions should be sent to clinicalaudit@dh.gsi.gov.uk by Monday 17 September 2012.

The full document can be downloaded from www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/audit-staff/

Q1	Do you agree with this assessment of the current concerns of audit staff in Trusts?]	<p>Partially agree: Agree re commissioners and lack of clarity around requirements from them and lack of focus on service improvement.</p> <p>Insufficient resources – agree with statement.</p> <p>Support from management – don't agree</p> <p>Value of audits - Too much emphasis on process rather than outcomes in our selection of audit topics – need a programme of outcome measure development led by clinicians. Still difficult to demonstrate that audit activity within our Trust improves patient care.</p> <p>Insufficient ownership – partially agree.</p> <p>Other activities – agree</p>
Q2	Do you agree that the current situation is not sustainable?	<p>Partially agree: If situation described as a whole continues, opportunities to improve services will be reduced or even missed. The level of investment for this local audit team restricts the ability to work differently and there is dissatisfaction as a result of excessive data entry for example. Current resources within the team are not sustainable.</p>
Q3	Do you agree with this analysis of the underlying reasons for the current situation?]	<p>Agree Agree with these statements generally although we feel that they are not all specifically relevant to our Trust as stated above.</p>
Q4	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Agree
Q5	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Agree

Q6	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Agree
Q7	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Agree
Q8	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Agree
Q9	What is your view of each component in the proposal?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully agree 2. Fully agree 3. Fully agree 4. Fully agree 5. Agree
Q10	Do you have suggestions for other components?	<p>Development of core competencies for clinical audit staff/ Quality Facilitators in new world.</p> <p>Consistency in Job Titles, Job Descriptions and Personal Specs within each banding to enable staff to move more easily between Trusts.</p>