

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 Trust?]	Yes
Q2	Do you agree that the current situation is not sustainable?	I do
Q3	Do you agree with this analysis of the underlying reasons for the current situation?]	I am sure that there are wide national variances. But it does seem to match concerns raised anecdotally in conversation with CA staff around the country
Q4	Do you agree this would be helpful?	yes
Q5	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Only partially. Think many audit staff do have such an understanding. But with slow, delayed feedback mechanisms associated with large QI initiatives it can often be difficult to relate to local activity and or concerns
Q6	Do you agree this would be helpful?	I do I know that locally staff are often unsure of who is the best resource within our trust to support our trust. But I have a concern that the high level of both data quality and project design our CA has could be at risk from other QI related departments that seem to adopt a far less rigorous approach with regard to governance and evidence.
Q7	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Generally. Although, I am employed as an analyst and whilst recognising that analysis cannot be undertaken with any quality without an appreciation of wider political/financial agendas. Think that most of us only have enough personal resources to be expert on a small number of area and would not like to see me having to plough through mountains of policy papers etc.

Q8	Do you agree this would be helpful?	Possibly
Q9	What is your view of each component in the proposal?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognition and acceptance of four fundamental issues: Agree 2. Development of Quality Departments (or Facilities) in Trusts: Agree and believe that within my trust we are working towards that through joint management and resources with our Research Dept. 3. Training opportunities: Agree
Q10	Do you have suggestions for other components?	Not at present