

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NOCA announces four-year strategic plan: Excellent healthcare for Ireland shaped by good information**

**At the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin 2**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.** The National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) has today published its Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. The plan builds on the success of NOCA to date and outlines the direction and focus of the organisation for the next four years.

Chair of the NOCA Governance Board, Prof Conor O’Keane said: “Our new Strategic Plan enables NOCA to continue to be an independent central driving force for better outcomes for patients in Ireland. By promoting and supporting clinical audit in our hospitals, NOCA will drive improvements in clinical care and patient outcomes.”

Mr Ken Mealy, NOCA Clinical Director noted: “The NOCA Strategy 2017-2020 was developed following extensive consultation and engagement with our stakeholders. It identifies NOCA’s priorities for the next four years, and describes what we intend to achieve and how we intend to achieve it.”

The plan highlights five key strategic goals which will be prioritised over the next four years:

- Be the recognised and trusted body in Ireland to drive quality improvement through national clinical audit.
- Develop a sustainable infrastructure for national clinical audit.
- Enable those who deliver and manage healthcare to measure and improve the quality of care using national clinical audit.
- Expand the national clinical audit portfolio.
- Be a visible and innovative organisation.

Speaking ahead of the launch, NOCA Executive Director, Collette Tully said “Throughout all our work, we will ensure that we actively engage with the public and our stakeholders to communicate the work of NOCA in a clear and accessible way.”

NOCA was established in 2012 to create sustainable clinical audit programmes at national level. NOCA enables those who manage and deliver healthcare to improve the quality of care through national clinical audit. NOCA is funded by the Health Service Executive Quality Improvement Division, governed by an independent voluntary board and operationally supported by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

The full NOCA Strategy 2017-2020 can be found [here](#).

**ENDS**

**Further information:**

Aisling Connolly, Communications & Events Lead, NOCA  
01 4025162 [aislingconnolly@noca.ie](mailto:aislingconnolly@noca.ie)