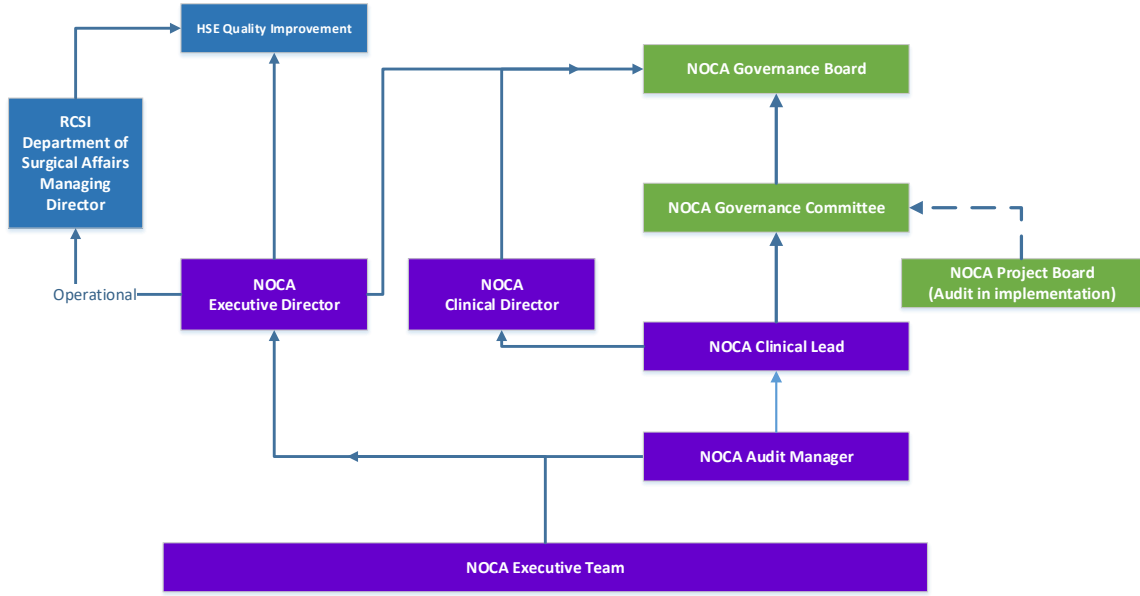





Statement of Purpose Irish National ICU Audit

Title	Irish National ICU Audit (INICUA)		
Year established	Established in 2012		
Web address	http://www.noca.ie/		
Managing Organisation	National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)		
Statement of Purpose	The overall purpose and objective of the INICUA is to benchmark quality of care and outcomes in intensive care units in Ireland and drive improvements in quality of care. This is done in partnership with the Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC) in England.		
Target population	All patients admitted to general and specialist intensive care and high dependency units (called units) as agreed by the NOCA Governance Committee, Project Board and determined by local service need.		
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measure the quality of care in each ICU and benchmark this against other Units in Ireland and the UK. 2. Measure activity in each Unit to aid the planning of Critical Care services locally and nationally. 3. Provide data on complexity of care provided for each patient with potential to link this to reimbursement in the future. 4. Improve the quality of data for HIPE by providing data on procedures and diagnoses arising while the patient is in ICU. 5. Support Irish and international research to enhance patient care 6. Measure Health Care Infection in ICU and drive improvement. 		
Data providers	Hospital Name	Units	
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	2	
	University Hospital Limerick	1	
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	1	
	Beaumont Hospital	2	
	Tallaght University Hospital	1	
	University Hospital Galway	1	
	St James's Hospital	2	
	University Hospital Waterford	1	
	Regional Hospital Mullingar	1	
	Wexford General Hospital	1	
	St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny	1	
	Cork University Hospital	2	
	Naas General Hospital	1	
	Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore	1	
St Vincent's University Hospital	1		
Connolly Hospital	1		

<p>Source of funding</p>	<p>NOCA is funded by HSE Quality Improvement Team to implement national clinical audit.</p>
<p>Governance and Managing Structure</p>	<p>The NOCA Governance Board is an independent voluntary board, convened to oversee and guide the strategic direction of NOCA. The NOCA Board has the authority to issue directions to NOCA Management with regard to the various clinical audit streams.</p> <p>Individual NOCA audits are governed by a Governance Committee which makes strategic decisions relation to the audit, and oversees operational plans. The Governance Committee includes relevant clinical and management stakeholders and two patient representatives. Ongoing implementation is progressed under the governance of the ICU Audit Project Board. This includes representatives from HSE; Acute Operations, Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Critical Care Programme and the NOCA clinical audit team.</p> <p>The clinical audit team (Audit Managers working with the NOCA Clinical Lead, and supported by the NOCA executive team) is responsible for the development, implementation and reporting from the audit.</p>  <p>FIGURE 1: GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR NOCA AUDITS</p> <p>NOCA Governance Structure ■ NOCA Management Structure ■ External reporting ■</p>
<p>Legal basis</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and the HSE Quality Improvement Division. This SLA sets out the administrative and operational management of NOCA including costs and deliverables per audit. 2. HSE Contract with Hospitals. NOCA is identified in HSE contracts with hospitals as an entity with which hospitals should work (Schedules 1 and 2). 3. NOCA will have a Standard Contractual Clauses in place with ICNARC in the event that the UK leaves the EU as part of Brexit.

National Legislation and Standards	The National Clinical Audit complies with the following national legislation and standards; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection Act (2018) • Information Standards for National Health & Social care Collections (2017) • HSE National Consent Policy (2017)
Inter-National Legislation and Standards	The National Clinical Audit complies with the following inter-national legislation and standards; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union General Data Protection Regulation 2016 • ICNARC defined Quality Indicators <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality Indicator 1 High-risk admissions from the ward 2. Quality Indicator 2 High-risk sepsis admissions from the ward 3. Quality Indicator 3 Out of hours discharge to the ward not delayed 4. Quality Indicator 4 Discharges direct to home 5. Quality Indicator 5 Non clinical transfers to another unit 6. Quality Indicator 6 Unplanned readmissions within 48 hours 7. Quality Indicator 7 Risk adjusted acute hospital mortality 8. Quality Indicator 8 Risk adjusted acute hospital mortality predicted risk < 20%
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