

### How can I be sure that my information is kept confidential?

Staff are trained on how to handle your information, so that it is kept confidential and safe from unauthorised access or loss.

### Is my personal information used for clinical audit?

**No.** Your personal information – that is information which could identify you, such as your name, address and date of birth – is not collected in this audit. This information remains in the hospital which you attended.

This means that we use anonymous information from your records for this audit. When we use anonymous information for clinical audit, it is not linked to you. Therefore, we will not contact you to use this information.

### How does NOCA keep my information confidential?

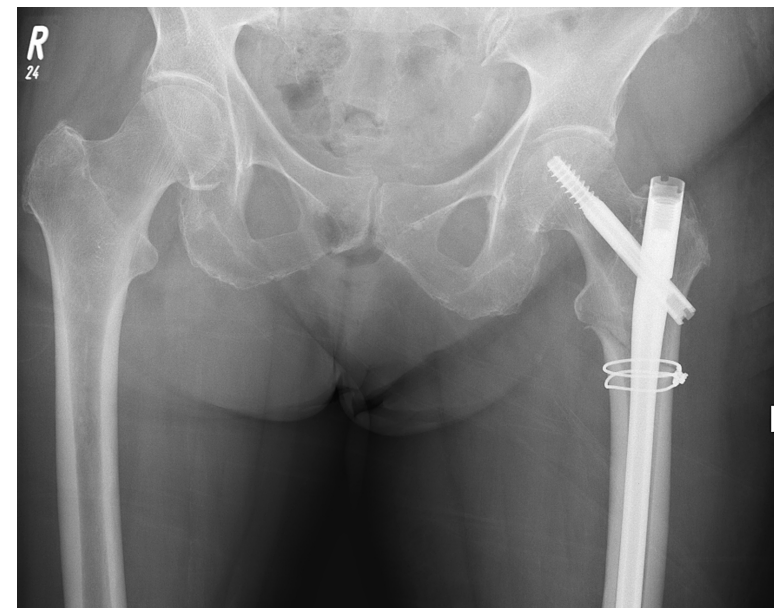
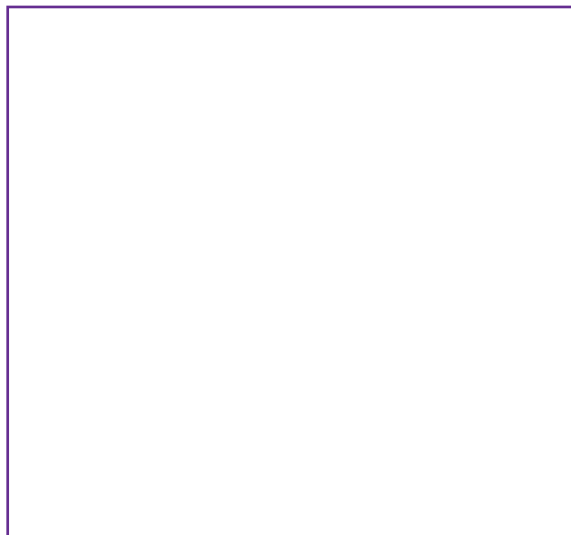
It is our duty to keep your information confidential. We will do this by ensuring that:

- our staff know their responsibilities and are trained in handling information;
- information is kept on secure computer-systems;
- we comply with all regulations relating to confidentiality and protection of data;
- it is only seen by authorised people;

### Can I access my information from NOCA?

**No,** because we at NOCA do not have any personal information which may identify you.

### Contact Details for Irish Hip Fracture Database in your Hospital



## Irish Hip Fracture Database (IHFD) Audit

### You can contact the National Office of Clinical Audit at:

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## Patient Information

### Your questions answered

## What is an Irish Hip Fracture Database (IHFD) audit?

The IHFD audit gathers information about patients that have been admitted to hospital after suffering a hip fracture. The information gathered in the audit helps to identify areas where we can improve recovery for patients.

## Is this audit carried out in all hospitals?

**No.** We only gather information for this audit from hospitals which are centres for acute orthopaedic injuries.

## Who carries out the IHFD audit?

A member of staff in each hospital is trained to collect this information. They enter all the relevant information into the hospitals computer system from the patient records.

## What type of information is used for the audit?

- Your age and gender
- Walking ability before your hip fracture
- Where you lived before coming to hospital, for example, home, care facility or elsewhere
- What type of surgery you had
- If you had a review to prevent further falls and fractures

- How long you stayed in hospital
- If you returned home or were referred to a rehabilitation facility or elsewhere when you left hospital
- Information about your recovery after you leave hospital may be gathered during rehabilitation or at follow-up appointments.

## How is the information used?

The findings will be used to make improvements in the care and outcomes for all hip fracture patients. All individual findings will be combined and published into an annual report. This report will be available on the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) website.

Any information that would identify you as a patient such as your name, address or hospital number is removed when it is sent outside the hospital to write this report. This is in line with Data Protection legislation. All hospitals regularly use information about patients to assess the quality of care.

This national audit will help us focus on areas of hip fracture care and the treatment we provide so we have all the relevant information needed to identify areas for improvement.

Health care research can also improve care. In the future, NOCA may grant health care researchers access to your data. This will only occur where approval has been granted by a research ethics committee.

Your personal information - that is information which may identify you such as your name, address and date of birth will NOT be given to any researcher. Therefore we will not contact you to use the information for this purpose.

## What is the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)?

NOCA was established in 2012 to create sustainable clinical audit programmes at national level.

National clinical audit is an ongoing review of clinical practice - measuring structures, processes and outcomes to make improvements. NOCA supports hospitals to learn from their audit cycles.

NOCA is funded by the Health Service Executive Office of the Chief Clinical Officer and supported by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

## How can I be sure that the audits are properly carried out?

The audits are supervised by NOCA .