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Irish National Intensive Care Unit Audit -Adult**

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<b>Title</b>	Irish National Intensive Care Unit Audit - Adult	
<b>Year established</b>	Established in 2012	
<b>Web address</b>	<a href="http://www.noca.ie">http://www.noca.ie</a>	
<b>Managing Organisation</b>	National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)	
<b>Statement of Purpose</b>	The purpose of the Irish National Intensive Care Unit Audit – Adult (INICUA-Adult) is to benchmark quality of care and outcomes in all adult intensive care units (ICUs) 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.	
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Measure the quality of care in each ICU and benchmark this against other Units in Ireland and the UK.</li> <li>2. Measure activity in each Unit to aid the planning of critical care services locally and nationally.</li> <li>3. Provide data on complexity of care provided for each patient with potential to link this to reimbursement in the future.</li> <li>4. Improve the quality of data for Hospital In-Patient Enquiry by providing data on diagnoses and procedures arising while the patient is in ICU.</li> <li>5. Support Irish and international research to enhance patient care</li> <li>6. Measure health care infection in ICU and drive improvement.</li> <li>7. Provide a National Bed Bureau for critical care.</li> </ol>	
<b>Target population</b>	All patients admitted to adult 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.	
<b>Data Providers</b>	<b>Hospital Name</b>	<b>Units</b>
	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
	St Vincent's University Hospital	1
	Cork University Hospital	2
	Regional Hospital Mullingar	1
	Wexford General Hospital	1
St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny	1	
Connolly Hospital	1	

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Hospital Name	Units
Naas General Hospital	1
Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore	1
University Hospital Kerry	1
Mercy University Hospital	1
Letterkenny University Hospital	1
Sligo University Hospital	1
South Tipperary General Hospital	1
Cavan General Hospital	1

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.

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. 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.

**Governance and Managing Structure**

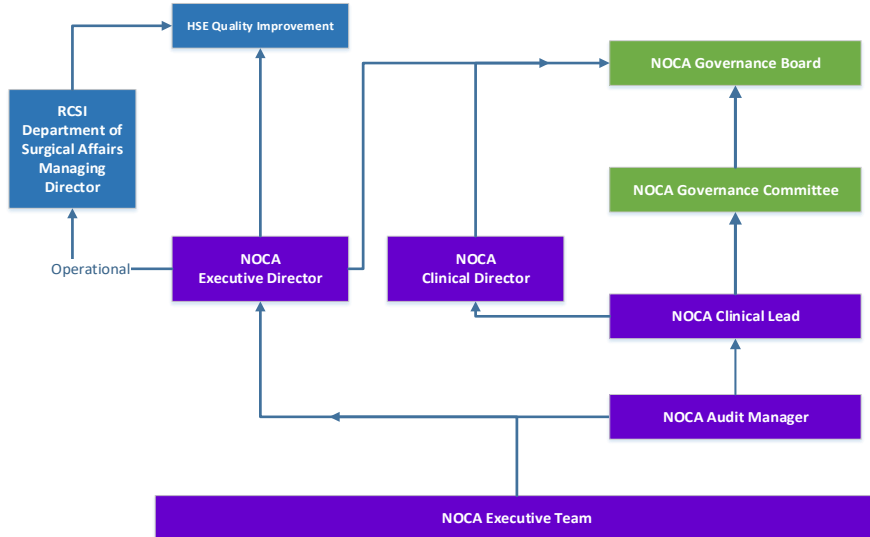





FIGURE 1: GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR NOCA AUDITS

NOCA Governance Structure ■ NOCA Management Structure ■ External reporting ■

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<b>Legal basis</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>3. NOCA has an agreement in place with ICNARC containing standard contractual clauses relating to the UK leaving the EU.</li> </ol>
<b>National Legislation &amp; Standards</b>	<p>The National Clinical Audit complies with the following national legislation and standards;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Protection Act 2018</li> <li>• Information Standards for National Health &amp; Social Care Collections (2017)</li> <li>• HSE National Consent Policy (2017)</li> </ul>
<b>Inter-national Legislation &amp; Standards</b>	<p>The National Clinical Audit complies with the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-national legislation: European Union General Data Protection Regulation 2018</li> <li>• Standards: ICNARC defined quality indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Indicator 1 High-risk admissions from the ward</li> <li>Quality Indicator 2 High-risk sepsis admissions from the ward</li> <li>Quality Indicator 3 Out of hours discharge to the ward not delayed</li> <li>Quality Indicator 4 Discharges direct to home</li> <li>Quality Indicator 5 Non-clinical transfers to another unit</li> <li>Quality Indicator 6 Unplanned readmissions within 48 hours</li> <li>Quality Indicator 7 Risk adjusted acute hospital mortality</li> <li>Quality Indicator 8 Risk adjusted acute hospital mortality predicted risk &lt; 20%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Source of funding</b>	NOCA is funded by HSE Quality Improvement Team to implement national clinical audit.
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