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Medical Directors of NHS Trusts,
NHS Foundation Trusts

Finance Directors of NHS Trusts,
NHS Foundation Trusts

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Dear Colleague

Re: Improving Quality and Evidence through National Clinical Audits

This letter is to alert you to the funding required from local Trusts towards the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP). As you will be aware, the NHS standard contract requires provider organisations to participate in the appropriate NCAPOP audits and Trusts have been responsible for a proportion of the NCAPOP audit costs since 2012-13. These funding arrangements were set out in the Department of Health's letter dated 18 January 2012 (Gateway reference number: 17046).

This letter is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/215213/dh_132324.pdf

This funding arrangement is to continue for 2015-16. The amount the NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts are required to contribute depends on the number of relevant services provided. Annex 1 sets out the contribution required against each service.

Subscription costs for NCAPOP are in the range £1,800 to £3,800 per service inclusive of VAT. There is a maximum payable charge per Trust of £22,500 inclusive of VAT where all eight services are provided.

How the Subscription will be collected

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) will be collecting NCAPOP subscriptions from Trusts on publication of this letter. You will receive a letter from HQIP setting out the costs to your Trust and requesting a Purchase Order number against which they can invoice.

If you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter, please direct them to the following e-mail address: finance@hqip.org.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Keogh', with a horizontal line underneath.

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ANNEX 1

AUDIT	Net Cost to Trust	VAT	Total including VAT
Bowel Cancer	£2,126.51	£425.30	£2,551.81
Head and Neck Cancer	£3,126.28	£625.26	£3,751.53
Lung Cancer	£2,645.69	£529.14	£3,174.83
Oesophageal Cancer	£2,619.52	£523.90	£3,143.42
Angioplasty Procedures	£3,706.31	Not applicable	£3,706.31
Myocardial Infarction	£2,426.76	Not applicable	£2,426.76
Heart Failure	£1,782.09	Not applicable	£1,782.09
Neonatal Intensive Care	£1,491.99	£298.40	£1,790.39
TOTAL	£19,925.14	£2,402.00	£22,327.14