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Finance Directors of NHS 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).

In 2016 a standard subscription charge of £10,000 + VAT was introduced for all Trusts participating in at least one NCAPOP audit or enquiry. This funding arrangement will continue in 2017-18.

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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 at the start of the financial year in April 2017, confirming that the charge is payable 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. Further information on NCAPOP subscription funding can also be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bruce Keogh'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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