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Dear Colleague

**Re: Improving Quality and Evidence through National Clinical Audits**

This letter is to remind you of this year's funding contribution 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).

The funding arrangement for a charge of £10,000 + VAT from all NHS trusts is to continue for 2018-19.

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Yours faithfully



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