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**Title:** NHS Wales National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan  
Annual Rolling Programme for 2022/23

**Date of Review:** April 2023

**For Action by:**  
Health Boards and NHS Trusts  
Special Health Authorities  
National Clinical Leads

**For information:**  
Chief Executives  
Medical Directors  
Directors of Primary Care  
Directors of Therapies

**Action required by:** N/A

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**Enclosure(s):** NHS Wales National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan: Annual Rolling  
Programme from 2022/23

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Dear Colleagues,

Health boards, trusts and relevant special health authorities in Wales are required to fully participate in all national clinical audits and outcome reviews listed in the annual National Clinical Audit & Outcome Review Annual Plan. This circular provides a copy of the National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan for 2022/23, which is also available via the Welsh Government website: <https://gov.wales/national-clinical-audit-and-outcome-review-plan-2022-2023>

National clinical audits are a major source of information aimed at measuring and benchmarking the improvement of healthcare services in Wales. The audit data is used to assess the quality and effectiveness of the healthcare provided by health boards and trusts and can make a big difference to the way we provide services when coupled with suitable improvement actions. It is essential all parts of NHS Wales participate fully in the national programme.

The Plan details the role each of us has for taking this work forward and includes the list of National Clinical Audits and Outcome Reviews, which all healthcare organisations **must fully** participate in when they provide the service.

If you have any queries regarding the annual plan please contact:  
[wgclinicalaudit@gov.wales](mailto:wgclinicalaudit@gov.wales).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Frank Atherton', written in a cursive style.

**DR FRANK ATHERTON**