



National Audit of Dementia

UPCARE: 1.0 National Audit of Dementia
Programme name - please do not change this field.*

1.1 Abbreviation NAD

1.2 Audit or non-audit Audit

1.3 HQIP commissioned* Yes

1.4 Programme unique identifier* HQIP103

Contract status Ongoing

HQIP AD JC

HQIP PM NP

1.5 Lead organisation* Royal College of Psychiatrists

1.6 Programme homepage* <https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/improving-care/ccqi/national-clinical-audits/national-audit-of-dementia>

1.7 Programme summary NAD measures the performance of general hospitals against criteria relating to care delivery which are known to impact people with dementia while in hospital.

These criteria (standards) are from national and professional guidance, including NICE Quality Standards and guidance, the Dementia Friendly Hospitals charter, and reports from the Alzheimer's Society, Age Concern and Royal Colleges.

Up to round 4 of the audit data collection at patient level was carried out on the basis of retrospective sampling.

Round 5 of the audit involved extensive changes to content and methodology:

- Move to more rapid and regular reporting, enabling sites to gauge the effect of local quality improvement initiatives
- Move to prospective identification of patients for sampling, to aid above
- Focus on areas where there is lower/variable performance and reduce the total number of items measured
- Examine methods for collecting feedback from patients as well as carers on an annual basis

After piloting, the audit was rolled out with these changes/ new content in September 2022 and the National Report published in August 2023. Repeat data collection (Round 6) is completed for the mandatory period, and underway for the Flex period (March 2024) to report in December 2024.

The Spotlight audit in community-based memory services in England and Wales reports for the second time in August 2024.

This will focus on waiting times, access to assessments, treatment and post diagnostic support for people with dementia.

2.1 Organogram <https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/improving-care/ccqi/national-clinical-audits/national-audit-of-dementia/information-governance>

2.2 Organisations involved in delivering the programme [British Geriatrics Society \(BGS\) www.bgs.org.uk](http://www.bgs.org.uk)

“The British Geriatrics Society is the membership association for professionals specialising in the healthcare of older people across the UK. Founded in 1947, we now have over 3,400 members, and we are the only Society in the UK offering specialist expertise in the wide range of healthcare needs of older people. Special Interest Groups within the Society focus on specific conditions including Falls and Bone Health, Oncology, Community Geriatrics, Cardiovascular Disease, Movement Disorders, Diabetes and Dementia.”

The BGS is represented on the project steering group and provides input into the programme design and outputs.”

Royal College of Nursing (RCN) www.rcn.org.uk

“The Royal College of Nursing is the world’s largest nursing union and professional body. We represent more than 435,000 nurses, student nurses, midwives and health care assistants in the UK and internationally. We are a Royal Charter body registered with the Privy Council and, because trade unionism is not our sole activity, we are on a special register of trade unions which means our rules differ slightly to other trade unions.”

The RCN is represented on the project steering group and provides input into the programme design and outputs.

Royal College of Physicians (RCP) www.rcplondon.ac.uk

“We are the professional membership body for physicians, with 34,000 members and fellows across the globe.”

The RCP provides advice on structure and management of clinical audit to the Project Team via the Implementation Group. In addition, the RCP is represented on the project steering group and provides input into the programme design and outputs.

Age UK www.ageuk.org.uk

“Age UK is the country’s largest charity dedicated to helping everyone make the most of later life.... We provide services and support at a national and local level to inspire, enable and support older people.”

Age UK is represented on the project steering group and provides input into the programme design and outputs.

[Alzheimer’s Society www.alzsoc.org.uk](http://www.alzsoc.org.uk)

“Alzheimer's Society is a care and research [charity](#) for people with [dementia](#) and their carers. It is a membership organisation, which works to improve the quality of life of people affected by dementia in England, Wales and Northern Ireland”

Alzheimer's Society is represented on the project steering group and provides input into the programme design and outputs.

2.3 Governance arrangements

The audit is governed by a steering group (SG) which meets 2-4 times a year. The steering group is jointly chaired by Clinical Advisers Dr Oliver Corrado and Ms Beth Swanson.

The steering group advises on all aspects of the project including:

- standards
- methodology
- audit process
- recruitment of services
- reports and publications
- liaison with other key bodies such as the Department of Health and Welsh Government.

The Implementation Group is responsible for delivering the programme and ensuring the quality and accuracy of the data and project outputs.

2.4 Stakeholder engagement

Patients and carers are involved by:

- Representatives with experience of living with dementia or caring for someone who has dementia sit on the Steering Group which advises on all aspects of the project
- The Patient /Carer group of representatives devised, discussed and finalised the content of the Patient Feedback Survey rolled out in round 5 and continuing in Round 6
- Development of the carer questionnaire used since Round 3 of audit was informed by a panel of carers and patients. Carers involved in testing the questionnaire returned comment on content and format

Clinicians are involved by:

- Advising on measurement of evidence-based standards for the care of people with dementia.
- Being involved in the design of the audit tool and audit methodology.
- Interpreting the data from the audit from a clinical perspective.
- Presenting key findings from the audit at the professional annual conference.
- Input at report write-up stage.

2.5 Conflict of interest policy

Advisory group members are required to declare conflicts of interest and this is reviewed at each meeting – this is a standing agenda item. Signed declarations regarding conflict of interest are collected from committee members annually/ when a new interest is declared, and any interests are registered. The Royal College of Psychiatrists has a standard COI policy for all committee and steering group meetings.

<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/improving-care/ccqi/national-clinical-audits/national-audit-of-dementia/what-is-nad>

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<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/aboutthecollege/dataprotection/privacynoticenationalaudits.aspx>

3.1 Quality improvement goals

The quality improvement objectives of the programme are to:

1. Increase the proportion of people with dementia admitted to a general hospital who receive a screen or initial assessment for delirium
2. Increase the proportion of people with dementia admitted to a general hospital who receive a structured assessment of pain
3. Increase the proportion of people with dementia admitted to a general hospital whose discharge planning is initiated within 24 hours of admission
4. Increase the proportion of carers reporting that the overall quality of care was very good or excellent

3.2 Quality improvement driver diagram

<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/improving-care/ccqi/national-clinical-audits/national-audit-of-dementia/national-audit-dementia-round-6>

3.3a Methods for stimulating quality improvement*

Workshops; On-line Quality Improvement guides; Action plan template

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