

Round 6 sampling size requirements

Dear all

We have carried out a review of audit **sample sizes** in relation to the full sample (parts 2 and 3) requested submission from each hospital. Please see below.

Hospital size/ record type	Total Number Identified (all eligible patients, Part 1 of audit)	Full sample requirement (Parts 2 and 3 of audit)
If your hospital has <u>520 beds and under</u> OR has mostly paper records	Begin to identify patients admitted from 14 August for 4 weeks or extended until you have at least 40 identified as consecutive admissions	40 minimum, with a target of 50+
If your hospital has <u>521 -734 beds</u>	Begin to identify patients admitted from 14 August for 4 weeks or extended until you have at least 50 identified as consecutive admissions	50 minimum, with a target of 60 +
If your hospital has <u>735 beds +</u>	Begin to identify patients admitted from 14 August for 4 weeks or extended until you have at least 80 identified as consecutive admissions	80 minimum, with a target of 100

N beds = adult acute inpatient beds, not MH or day patients or paediatric.

We hope that the proposed change is a move towards a more proportionate requirement for audit sampling, which will be easier to implement for smaller hospitals and those where electronic systems are at an early stage or absent with most notes being completed on paper.

However, the table above is applicable only Round 6 of the audit, and should not be taken as a guideline for future requirements.

At this stage we anticipate that the audit will be expected to maintain increased frequency in reporting, and sampling requirements may change as systems which are more sensitive to identification are developed and rolled out in hospitals.