

## National Audit of Dementia in General Hospitals 2027

### Overview

We are now commencing registration for the National Audit of Dementia in General Hospitals 2027.

This round will have three components:

- A casenote audit with a sample of 40 patients
- An Annual Census Day data collection yielding the total number of patients with dementia in the hospital, plus 2 mini spot audits focussing on patients with a personal information document and patients sat out of bed (prevention of deconditioning)
- Feedback from people with dementia and carers

The items or topics for reporting in this round of audit were confirmed following the consultation that took place in 2025.

### Information to be collected

| What                                                                                                                     | How                                                                                                                               | When                                                         |
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| Structured assessment:<br>Number of people with dementia who have had screening/assessment for nutrition, delirium, pain | Casenote audit based on prospective identification of 40 patients admitted from 1 February 2027                                   | 1 February – 14 March 2027                                   |
| Provision of training in dementia awareness and skills                                                                   | A hospital level brief questionnaire asking about the format, level and frequency of training, and which staff groups are covered | 17 May-14 June 2027                                          |
| Identification of people with dementia: count of admitted patients with dementia                                         | Annual Census Day audit                                                                                                           | Dementia Action Week: 17-23 May 2027 (submission by 20 June) |
| Personal information document in place:<br>Number of people with dementia with this by their bedside                     | Mini spot audit across 3-6 wards                                                                                                  | Dementia Action Week: 17-23 May 2027 (submission by 20 June) |
| Appropriately “sat out” of bed:<br>Number of people with dementia sat out                                                | Mini spot audit across 3-6 wards, during a late morning period                                                                    | Dementia Action Week: 17-23 May 2027 (submission by 20 June) |
| Patient and carer feedback: people with dementia/ carers reporting on experience                                         | Patient and carer questionnaires online for promotion                                                                             | 1 February – 31 May 2027                                     |

## **FAQ:**

### **Why is routine data not a data source in this round of audit?**

Unfortunately, so far we have not identified a national dataset which contains the items rated as priorities and covers the whole hospital/ all hospitals in England or Wales. That means to get the information about structured assessments we will ask hospitals again to prospectively identify patients admitted, limiting this to 40.

We will be matching the data gained from this round against HES data and against data derived from another national audit. This will allow us to assess whether these datasets could be the main data source in future audits, reducing the data to be collected.

### **When will we get the content and guidance?**

We will send this out as it is finalised over the next 2 months. The data collection platform will go live 1 February.

### **How will the data be submitted?**

We are working with Crown Informatics to create an online data collection platform in which you will be able to submit all your casenote and ACD data.

Links to the patient and carer questionnaires will be available online only. We will send you some materials you can use to help promote the questionnaires on your website and via social media.

### **How will the data be reported?**

The data submitted will create a publicly accessible benchmarked display with local (hospital level) and national aggregated data. Hospitals will also be able to download their own data.

A short form State of the Nation report will contain key results and recommendations.

### **When will reporting take place?**

The Report and dashboard will come out on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2027