



National Respiratory Audit Programme (was National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme)

UPCARE: 0.01	National Respiratory Audit Programme (was National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme)
Programme name - please do not change this field.*	
0.02 Workstream name (if applicable) - please do not change this field.*	COPD Secondary Care
0.1 Contract status	Ongoing
0.2 Audit or non-audit	Audit
0.3 HQIP commissioned*	Yes
0.41 HQIP AD	JC
0.42 HQIP PM	SB
1.0 Included in current NHS Quality Accounts*	Yes
1.1a Geographical coverage - HQIP agreement*	England; Wales
1.2a Topic - please select which ONE of the following best describes the topic area for the programme or workstream. If more than one apply, please select 'Other' and add comment to the next question.*	Respiratory
1.3a Healthcare setting*	NHS secondary or tertiary care
1.4a Does your patient cohort include the following?*	Adults (18 and older)
1.4b Inclusion and exclusion criteria*	Include patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• who are 35 years and over on the date of admission,

- who have been admitted* to hospital adult services,
- who have a primary diagnosis of COPD exacerbation,
- where an initial, or unclear, diagnosis is revised to an acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (AECOPD).

Patients with the following ICD-10 codes and positions in the first episode of care are eligible for inclusion in the audit:

1st - J44.0 – COPD with acute lower respiratory infection, 2nd - any code

1st - J44.1 – COPD with acute exacerbation, 2nd - any code

1st - J44.8 – other specified COPD, 2nd - any code

1st - J44.9 – COPD unspecified, 2nd - any code

1st - J43.9 - emphysema, 2nd - any code

1st - J22 – unspecified acute lower respiratory infection, 2nd - J44.0 or J44.1 or J44.8 or J44.9 or J43.9

1st - R06.0 – dyspnoea (shortness of breath), 2nd - J44.0 or J44.1 or J44.8 or J44.9 or J43.9

1st - J96.0 – acute respiratory failure, 2nd - J44.0 or J44.1 or J44.8 or J44.9 or J43.9

1st - J96.1 – chronic respiratory failure, 2nd - J44.0 or J44.1 or J44.8 or J44.9 or J43.9

1st - J96.9 – respiratory failure, 2nd - J44.0 or J44.1 or J44.8 or J44.9 or J43.9

1st - J10.1 – influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations, 2nd - J44.0 or J44.1 or J44.8 or J44.9 or J43.9

Exclude patients:

- In whom an initial diagnosis of an AECOPD is revised to an alternative at a later stage.
- Who have had a stay in hospital of less than 4 hours (who would be classed as a non-admission).
- With COPD who are being managed for pneumonia, not AECOPD.

*Where admission is an episode in which a patient with an AECOPD is admitted to a ward and stayed in hospital for 4 hours or more (this includes Emergency Medicine Centres, Acute Medical Units, Clinical Decision Units, short stay wards or similar, but excludes patients treated transiently before discharge from the Emergency Department (ED)).

1.5 Methods of data submission*

Bespoke data submission by healthcare provider; Extraction from existing data source(s)

1.6a 2023/24 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

COPD

For an annual cohort NRAP have in place quarterly data submission deadlines. These quarterly data deadlines started in conjunction with the new contract 01 June 2023.

Data submission deadline for the cohort:

01 April 2023 to 30 September 2023 - 10 November 2023

01 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 - 09 February 2024

01 January 2023 to 31 March 2024 - 10 May 2024

1.6b 2024/25 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

COPD

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Data submission deadline for the cohort:

01 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 - 09 August 2024

01 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 - 15 November 2024

01 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 - 14 February 2025

01 January 2025 to 31 March 2025 - 16 May 2025

1.6c 2025/26 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

COPD

For an annual cohort NRAP have in place quarterly data submission deadlines.

Data submission deadline for the cohort:

01 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 - 15 August 2025

01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 - 14 November 2025

01 October 2025 to 31 December 2025 - 13 February 2026

01 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 - 15 May 2026

1.6d 2026/27 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

COPD

For an annual cohort NRAP have in place quarterly data submission deadlines.

Data submission deadline for the cohort:

01 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 - 14 August 2026

01 July 2026 to 30 September 2026 - 13 November 2026

01 October 2026 to 31 December 2026 - 12 February 2027

01 January 2027 to 31 March 2027 - 14 May 2027

1.7 Data flow diagram

[copd_data-flow_v2-january-26-review.pdf](#)

Data flow diagram is uploaded within 'files' section.

1.8 Data quality & analysis plan

COPD, adult asthma, Children and young people's asthma and PR

The audits are currently running continuously. The audit datasets will be reviewed and streamlined annually. This will involve consultation (including with patients/carers), review of poorly completed/highly burdensome items, and reappraisal of the evidence.

Comprehensive validation rules are built into the web-tool to ensure that incorrect, conflicting and/or illogical data cannot be saved. Pop-up warnings appear for values that are plausible, but rare. There should be no missing data, as all questions are 'mandatory' and records cannot be locked until all data items are completed. If sites attempt to lock an incomplete record, a pop-up appears, directing them to the incomplete fields.

[sotn_methodology_v1-may-2025.pdf](#) - combined report methodology report

1.9a Link to the outlier policy*

[NRAP outlier policy v1.1](#)

1.9b Link to the cause for concern policy*

Not applicable.

NRAP does not operate a cause for concern policy due to no current identifiers that are regularly reported categorised as cause for concern indicators. NRAP continue to review the HQIP cause for concern guidance - [NCAPOP-Cause-for-Concern-Guidance-Final-E-and-W-Feb-2019.pdf](#). NRAP apply the outlier policy as listed in Q1.9a, and escalate outliers inline with HQIP guidance and NRAP policy.

2.1 Outcome measures

COPD Secondary Care

- Mortality - once per contract extension period (01 June 2026 to 31 May 2028)
- Length of stay - annually via report
- Readmissions - once per contract extension period (01 June 2026 to 31 May 2028)

[Clinical outcomes \(2021-23\) and outliers summary report | RCP](#)

2.2 Process measures

COPD process measures:

- Spirometry - real time charts (updated every hour)
- Oxygen - real time charts (updated every hour)
- Smoking - real time charts (updated every hour)
- Non-invasive ventilation - real time charts (updated every hour)
- Respiratory specialist review - real time charts (updated every hour)
- Discharge bundle - real time charts (updated every hour)
- Attainment against best practice - real time charts (updated every hour)
- NEWS2 score available - real time charts (updated every hour)

Drawing Breath report (2021/22) - [Drawing Breath - clinical audit report 2021/22 | RCP](#)

Breathing Well report (2022/23) - [Breathing well – clinical audit report 2022/23 | RCP](#)

Catching Our Breath report (2023/24) - [Catching our breath - clinical audit report 2023/24 | RCP](#)

2.3 Organisational measures

COPD and adult asthma secondary care organisational audit 2024

[NRAP organisational audit 2022-24 | RCP](#)

2.4 Patient reported outcome measures	N/A
2.5 Patient reported experience measures	N/A
2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of evidence (select all that apply)	Professional society; NICE quality standard; NICE clinical guideline; Royal College
2.6b Evidence supplemental information	<p><u>COPD secondary care audit</u></p> <p><i>Clinical guidance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NICE clinical guideline NG115 (nice.org.uk/guidance/NG115) <p><i>Clinical standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NICE quality standard QS10 (nice.org.uk/Guidance/QS10) NICE quality standard QS207 (https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs207) BTS Quality Standards for acute NIV in adults (https://www.brit-org.uk/document-library/quality-standards/niv/bts-quality-standards-for-acute-niv-in-adults/) <p><i>Policy documents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death, Acute Non-Invasive Ventilation: Inspiring Change (https://www.ncepod.org.uk/2017niv.html)
3.1 Results visualisation	Interactive online portal (run charts available); Annual report; Static data files
3.2a Levels of reporting*	National; Trust or health board; Hospital or specialist unit; Integrated care system (ICS); NHS region or other geographic area
3.3 Timeliness of results feedback	Within 1 year; Within 6 months; Within 1 month
3.4 Link to dynamic reporting*	https://www.nrap.org.uk/ ; https://www.nrap.org.uk/nacap/COPDcharts.nsf
4.01 2023/24 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*	01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024
4.02 2024/25 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*	01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

**financial year 01/04 to
31/03)***

4.03 2025/26 Dataset 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026
covers the period
FROM/TO (within
financial year 01/04 to
31/03)*

4.04 2026/27 Dataset 01/04/2026 - 31/03/2027
covers the period
FROM/TO (within
financial year 01/04 to
31/03)*

4.10 Dataset #1 name COPD, secondary care, clinical audit

4.11 Dataset #1 type Clinical audit

4.12 Dataset #1 All eligible patients
population coverage*

4.13 Dataset #1 items 54
collected (n)

4.14 Dataset #1 items 2
from existing national
datasets (n)

4.15 Dataset #1 use of Office for National Statistics (ONS); Hospital episode statistics (HES); Patient
existing national episode database for Wales (PEDW)
datasets

4.16 Dataset #1 Data set is uploaded within 'files' section.
specification

4.20 Dataset #2 name COPD and Adult Asthma Secondary Care Organisational Audit

4.21 Dataset #2 type Organisational audit

4.23 Dataset #2 items 41
collected (n)

4.24 Dataset #2 items 0
from existing national
datasets (n)

4.26 Dataset #2 Data set is uploaded within 'files' section.
specification

4.30 Dataset #3 name N/A

4.40 Dataset #4 name	N/A
5.00 When was your healthcare quality improvement plan (referred to as a QI Plan) last reviewed? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).	01/04/2024
5.10 When were your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) signed off by funders? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP template and naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).	05/03/2025
5.11 Please add the hyperlink to where your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) are published on your project website.*	https://www.rcp.ac.uk/improving-care/national-clinical-audits/the-national-respiratory-audit-programme-nrap/copd-secondary-care-workstream/support-for-service-teams-copd/
5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*	12 January 2023 - Drawing Breath - clinical audit report 2021/22 https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/drawing-breath-clinical-audit-report-202122
5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*	30 June 2024 - Breathing well: A nationwide assessment of respiratory care - combined clinical audit report 2022/23 https://www.rcp.ac.uk/improving-care/national-clinical-audits/the-national-respiratory-audit-programme-nrap/current-nrap-reports/breathing-well-clinical-audit-report-202223/
5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*	12 June 2025 - Catching our breath - combined clinical audit report 2023/24 Catching our breath - clinical audit report 2023/24 RCP 09 October 2025 - Combined outcomes report 2021/2023 and outlier report for 2023/24

5.23 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2026)*

11 June 2026 (name TBA) - combined clinical audit report 2024/25

September 2026 - NRAP outliers summary report (2024/25)

5.24 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2027)*

June 2027 (exact date and name TBA) - combined clinical audit report 2025/26

Date TBC 2027 - NRAP outliers summary report (2025/26)

November 2027 (exact date and name TBA) - combined organisational audit report

6.0 Please add the most recent date that you have reviewed and updated an online version of UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your project's website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).

06/02/2026

6.1 Please add a hyperlink to UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).*

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/information-governance>

Files

NRAP COPD advisory group terms of reference v0.4.pdf

NRAP adult asthma COPD organisational audit dataset February 2024.pdf

NRAP_Healthcare improvement strategy 2023-26_v1.2 .pdf

2025_Metrics_NRAP_COPD.xlsx

COPD_Data Flow_v2 January 26 Review.pdf

NRAP COPD clinical audit dataset v6.2 June 2025 FINAL.pdf

