

# NICOR NEWS: SUMMER 2022

## *NICOR is moving from Barts Health*

On 24 June we will be bidding farewell to our Barts Health colleagues and to our funders the Healthcare Quality Improvement partnership (HQIP) as we move to a new funding model at the end of our current 5 year contract. The whole NICOR team will be moving as a TUPE transfer as we did back in 2017 when we came to Barts from UCL. **More details can be found below.** We are working hard behind the scenes to manage this transition, and you shouldn't see any effect on your service.

## *Team NICOR*

### **INFORMATION FOR NICOR USERS AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS RELATING TO THE CHANGE OF HOSTING NICOR CLINICAL AUDITS**

On Friday 24 June 2022, responsibility for hosting all NICOR clinical audits & registries will transfer from Barts Health NHS Trust to NHS Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit (Arden & GEM). on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement.

**The change will not have any impact on users or professional groups, who will continue to access NICOR in the usual way, and no action by them is necessary.**

The transfer of the system will be completed seamlessly in the background – meaning the quality-of-service users receive from NICOR will not be affected. This change is part of a programme of work, commissioned by NHS England, to improve the alignment of all the NICOR clinical audits & registries and ensure their subsequent alignment with the objectives set out in the NHS Long Term Plan.

**NHS Arden & GEM** are part of the NHS and hosted by NHS England. In addition, the NHS Arden & GEM Business Intelligence team has a well-established and proven reputation for hosting clinical registries.

No service changes are expected during the transfer; and the continued collection and submission of data to support the NICOR clinical audits and registries remains as important as ever. We will remain in contact with all users and professional groups so that, in the unlikely event of any issues, we can respond immediately.

Should you have any questions please contact [nicor.helpdesk@nhs.net](mailto:nicor.helpdesk@nhs.net)

## *NICOR Data Access Requests*

Calling all researchers who have published papers or conference presentations using NICOR data—could you please send in your citations to the Data Access team. Please email us at [nicor.datarequests@nhs.net](mailto:nicor.datarequests@nhs.net) to do this.

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## NICOR Reporting in 2022

We are publishing the **2022 annual report covering 2020/21 data** on Thursday 9 June. This will be accompanied by summary reports for each audit domain and a patient and public version of the report, as in previous years.

The reporting period covers most of the first wave of the COVID pandemic as cases peaked, and the cut off date was the end of March 2021, so it also covers the second wave in early 2021. Unsurprisingly the quality improvement focus of this year's report is on how we can learn from the pandemic and put procedures in place to more effectively manage our services for patient benefit.

There are also case studies and patient vignettes which give accounts of how both patients and clinicians experienced the pandemic.

## National Data Opt-Out deadline now 31 July 2022

The NHS Transformation Directorate has taken the decision to extend the National Data Opt-Out deadline for a further 4 month period. This was formally communicated in a letter on 31 March, the previous deadline date. You can read the letter [here](#). The aim of this extension, according to the communication, is to *“ensure that individual organisations are able to develop their approach to honouring the opt-out without compromising the ongoing work on pandemic recovery”*, and it is also stated that this is likely to be the last extension and from 31 July this year centres will be expected to be fully compliant with the National Opt-Out policy.

NICOR, along with other audits have applied for an exemption for our data and we are awaiting a formal decision. If anything changes before 31 July we will inform all our participating centres.

For information on how to achieve compliance, please visit <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out/compliance-with-the-national-data-opt-out>

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT WEBINAR VIDEOS ONLINE



If you haven't already done so, check out our videos from our Annual Report Webinar which are up on our [site](#) and our new [Youtube](#) channel.

Around 150 people joined us to explore what is shown by the audit data, and what we have learned from this unprecedented and highly challenging time.

There are presentations on the future direction of NICOR and on all six clinical audit domains, an introduction to NICOR's patient engagement and a guide to the new online tools from Professor Peter Ludman.

There is also a half hour session from Dominique Allwood of UCL Partners on using data and Quality Improvement methods to implement improvement.

