



Falls and Fragility Fracture Audit Programme

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Dear Caldicott Guardian

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) has commissioned the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) to undertake a continuous national audit of inpatient falls. The sample for this audit will be patients who have fallen in hospital and sustained a hip fracture.

The audit will take place from January 2019 on an ongoing basis and the data gathered will be in addition to that already collected as part of the established National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD) audit. The purpose of the audit is to gain a detailed understanding of falls prevention and post fall care in acute, community and mental health hospitals in the NHS, so that recommendations can be made which will result in improvements to both service delivery and patient experience.

For the national audit to be successful, it is important that we are able to achieve a high level of engagement with clinical teams in hospitals.

As your trust has registered to participate in this audit, we recommend you ensure you have granted caldicott guardian approval before your trust submits data in 2019.

If you have any queries, please contact falls@rcplondon.ac.uk.

You can also find further information on our website [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

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