



National Falls & Fragility Fracture Audit Programme

Understanding Practice in Clinical Audit and Registries (UPCARE): Programme name	National Falls & Fragility Fracture Audit Programme
Workstream name (if applicable)	National Audit of Inpatient Falls
Contract status	Ongoing
Audit or non-audit	Audit
HQIP commissioned	Yes
HQIP AD	PS
HQIP PM	SB
Included in current NHS Quality Accounts	Yes
1.10 Geographical coverage - HQIP agreement	England; Wales
1.3 Healthcare setting	NHS secondary care
1.4 Inclusion and exclusion criteria	<p>Inclusion: NHS patients living in England and Wales aged 50 and over who have sustained fragility fracture.</p> <p>Exclusion: Fractures of the face, skull, scaphoid and digits.</p>
1.5 Methods of data submission	Online e.g. webtool or portal
1.7 Data flow diagram	https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/fffap-data-processing-statements
1.8 Data quality & analysis plan	<p>The audit is completed by clinical teams using the online webtool.</p> <p>Crown Informatics complete internal data value and range checks, date/time checks and dataset logic checks. The webtool validates data at the point of entry by rejecting invalid responses. Data are reviewed by Crown post extract for validity and dataset consistency.</p> <p>NAIF analysis plan: https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/national-audit-inpatient-falls-naif (available within each annual report)</p>

1.9 Outlier policy	N/A
2.1 Outcome measures	Occupied bed days Analgesia prescribed
2.2 Process measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of multi-factorial risk assessment • Medication review • Delirium assessment • Mobility assessment • Continence assessment • Medical assessment post fall • Lying/Standing blood pressure
2.3 Organisational measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of falls screening tools • Processes for assessing the gap between actual and reported falls • Audit on the clinical appropriateness of bedrails • Availability of flat lifting equipment • Access to written information about fall prevention • Regular fall prevention training for staff made mandatory • Executive and non-executive director with specific roles/responsibilities for falls prevention • Multi-disciplinary working group for falls prevention • Policy on the availability of walking aids for newly admitted patients • Occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over • Age profile of occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over • Sex profile of occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over • Total number of reported falls in inpatients aged 16 and over in all specialties excluding maternity • Total number of falls leading to severe harm/death in inpatients aged 16 and over in all specialties excluding maternity • Number of falls that resulted in severe harm or death that included hip fractures
2.4 Patient reported outcome measures	Not currently collected
2.5 Patient reported experience measures	Not currently collected
2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of evidence (select all that apply)	NICE clinical guideline; NICE quality standard; Professional society

2.6b Evidence supplemental information	<p>NICE Quality Standard 86 statements 2, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>NICE Clinical Guideline 124</p> <p>NHS Consultation on guidance on the safe use of bed rails</p> <p>RCP FallSafe measurement of under-reporting grid</p> <p>NHS England Essential care after an inpatient fall</p> <p>NHS England, Patient Safety First – Implementing human factors in healthcare</p>
3.1 Results visualisation	Annual report; Patient report; Interactive online portal (run charts available)
3.2 Levels of reporting	National; Trust or Health Board; Hospital
3.3 Timeliness of results feedback	Within 24 hours; Within 3 months; Within 1 year
Dataset #1 name	National Audit of Inpatient Falls
Dataset #1 type	Clinical audit - continuous
Dataset #1 items collected (n)	34
Dataset #1 items from existing national datasets (n)	3
Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets	Other
Dataset #1 specification	<p>3 existing national dataset items from NHFD</p> <p>Patient name</p> <p>Patient NHS number</p> <p>Trust where fall occurred</p>
Dataset #2 name	Not applicable
Dataset #3 name	Not applicable
Dataset #4 name	Not applicable

