

Appendix I: Aims of the NNAP

The key aims of the NNAP are to:

- assess whether babies admitted to neonatal units receive consistent high-quality care in relation to the NNAP audit measures that are aligned to a set of professionally agreed guidelines and standards
- identify areas for quality improvement in neonatal units in relation to the delivery and outcomes of care.

The overarching quality improvement objectives of the NNAP are to:

- reduce unit and network level variation through benchmarking, outlier identification and management, sharing best practice and quality improvement examples, and signposting to resources available in the wider neonatal care system
- nationally, to seek to reach agreed standards for process measures where care currently falls below those standards
- report outcome measures e.g. mortality, necrotising enterocolitis, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, infection and brain injury in very preterm infants, and their variation between units and networks
- collaborate with other audits in developing and delivering the NNAP to improve neonatal care and adapt to new quality improvement priorities.