



National Neonatal Audit Programme

UPCARE: 0.01 Programme name - please do not change this field.*	National Neonatal Audit Programme
0.02 Workstream name (if applicable) - please do not change this field.*	Not applicable
0.1 Contract status	Ongoing
0.2 Audit or non-audit	Audit
0.3 HQIP commissioned*	Yes
0.41 HQIP AD	TS
0.42 HQIP PM	GC
1.0 Included in current NHS Quality Accounts*	Yes
1.1a Geographical coverage - HQIP agreement*	England; Wales; Scotland; Isle of Man; Northern Ireland
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.*	Gynaecology, Maternity & Midwifery
1.2b If you selected 'Other' above, please provide details.*	Neonatal
1.3a Healthcare setting*	NHS secondary or tertiary care
1.4a Does your patient cohort include the following?*	Both adults and under 18s

1.4b Inclusion and exclusion criteria*

The following inclusion criteria apply to all NNAP measures:

- Babies who were admitted for neonatal care
- Babies who had care provided by an NNAP unit
- Babies whose parents or carers have not opted them out of secondary use of their data

Further criteria specific to each audit measure can be found in the measure descriptions provided in the NNAP measures guides which can be found at: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/work-we-do/clinical-audits/nnap/measures>

1.5 Methods of data submission*

Extraction from existing data source(s)

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

Data is obtained directly from Badgernet

2023 data was closed on 31 March 2024.

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

Data is obtained directly from Badgernet

2024 data was closed on 31 March 2025.

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

Data is obtained directly from SystemC the providers of the Badgernet clinical system.

2025 data was closed on 13 March 2026.

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

Data is obtained directly from SystemC the providers of the Badgernet clinical system.

2026 data was closed on 13 March 2026.

1.7 Data flow diagram

The NNAP data flow diagram is available at: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/20260217_nnap_data_flow_diagram.pdf

1.8 Data quality & analysis plan

Full details can be found in the Methodology and Statistical analysis plan available at:

https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2025-10/methodology_sap_2025_06.10.2025.pdf

1.9a Link to the outlier policy*	The NNAP policy for the detection of management of outlier status for 2025 data is available at: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/outlier_management_policy_2025_data_v1.0_0.pdf
1.9b Link to the cause for concern policy*	The NNAP Cause for Concern policy is available at: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/nnap_cause_for_concern_policy_feb_2026.pdf
2.1 Outcome measures	The 10 performance metrics for the 2026 data year are summarised below: 1. Mortality until discharge. 2. Optimal perinatal care composite metric (Component measures: antenatal steroids, antenatal magnesium sulphate, birth in a centre with a NICU, deferred cord clamping, normal temperature on admission, breastmilk feeding in the first 2 days of life). 3. Clinical outcomes composite metric (Component measures: bloodstream infection, BPD, NEC, preterm brain injury). 4. Parental consultation within 24 hours of every admission. 5. Parental inclusion in consultant ward rounds. 6. Breastmilk feeding composite metric (Component measures: breastmilk feeding at day 14, breastmilk feeding at discharge home) 7. Follow-up at two years 8. On-time screening for retinopathy of prematurity. 9. Neonatal nurse staffing 10. Non-invasive breathing support Full details can be found in the 2026 measures guide available at: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/2026_nnap_audit_measures_guide_v1.0_0.pdf
2.2 Process measures	See 2.1.
2.3 Organisational measures	See 2.1.
2.4 Patient reported outcome measures	See 2.1.
2.5 Patient reported experience measures	See 2.1.
2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of	NICE clinical guideline; Professional society; Other (please describe in next question); Royal College

evidence (select all that apply)

2.6b Evidence supplemental information

- British Association of Perinatal Medicine (BAPM) Service Standards for Hospitals Providing Neonatal Care <https://www.bapm.org/resources/32-service-standards-for-hospitals-providing-neonatal-care-3rd-edition-2010>
- NHS England Neonatal Critical Care Service Specification: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/service-specification-neonatal-critical-care/>
- NHS Wales. All Wales Neonatal Standards – 3rd Edition <https://executive.nhs.wales/our-functions/networks-and-planning/maternity-and-neonatal-services/information-for-professionals/professional-documents/all-wales-neonatal-standards-third-edition/>
- NICE guideline [NG25], Preterm Labour and Birth <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng25>
- NICE guideline [NG72] Developmental follow-up of children and young people born preterm. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng72>
- NICE guideline; [NG124] Specialist neonatal respiratory care for babies born preterm. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng124>
- Royal College of Ophthalmologists/Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Guideline for the screening and treatment of Retinopathy of Prematurity (2022) <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/screening-retinopathy-prematurity-rop-clinical-guideline>

3.1 Results visualisation

Interactive online portal (run charts not available); Annual report; Patient report; Interactive online portal (run charts available)

3.2a Levels of reporting*

Hospital or specialist unit; National; Integrated care system (ICS); NHS region or other geographic area

3.3 Timeliness of results feedback

Within 1 month

3.4 Link to dynamic reporting*

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/nnap-data-dashboard>

4.01 2023/24 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

4.02 2024/25 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

4.03 2025/26 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within

01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

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

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

01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026

4.10 Dataset #1 name

Clinical Audit

4.11 Dataset #1 type

Clinical audit

**4.12 Dataset #1
population coverage***

All eligible patients

**4.13 Dataset #1 items
collected (n)**

0

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

367

**4.15 Dataset #1 use of
existing national
datasets**

BadgerNet

**4.16 Dataset #1
specification**

The NNAP data dictionary is available at:
https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/nnap_data_dictionary_v4.2_mar_25.pdf

4.30 Dataset #3 name

Not applicable

4.40 Dataset #4 name

Not applicable

**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).**

06/02/2025

**5.11 Please add the
hyperlink to where
your clinical
performance indicators
(referred to as metrics)**

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/work-we-do/clinical-audits/nnap/measures>

are published on your project website.*

5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*

Version 2 of the NNAP Summary report on 2022 data was published on **20 December 2023** and replaced version 1 of the report published on **12 October 2023**.

5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*

Thursday 10 October 2024.

5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*

Thursday 9 October 2025.

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

Thursday 8 October 2026.

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

TBC Thursday 7 October 2027.

6.0 If you selected 'Wales' for geographical coverage (1.1a & 1.1b above), do you make any information available in Welsh? This may include reports, guidance, policies, dashboards, webpages or patient resources etc.

Yes

6.1a If yes, please list the materials you translate into Welsh and include hyperlinks where available.

NNAP Your baby's care guide: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2025-11/07112025_nnap_abc_welsh.pdf

NNAP Privacy Notice: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/about-us/privacy-hub/NNAP#y-rhaglen-archwilio-newydd-anedig-genedlaethol-gwybodaeth-am-eich-baban-%E2%80%93-hysbysiad-preifatrwydd--welsh-language-speakers>

NNAP Postcard: physical copies in Welsh posted to units in Wales.

NNAP unit posters are available in Welsh for units in Wales. Physical copies of these posters are sent to units, or can be accessed by emailing the NNAP team at nnap@rcpch.ac.uk

7.0 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).

08/19/2026

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

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/work-we-do/clinical-audits/nnap/about>

Files

031125 NNAP Quality Improvement Strategy 25-27.pdf

NNAP-Metric-list-2026 workstreams.xlsx

Comments

Sarah Walker 09/10/2024 2:30 PM

Note: I've selected 'Gynae, Maternity & Midwifery' as the primary topic to align with the Directory.

Helen Baron 10/02/2024 10:36 AM

Note: Dates added for 2023/24 and 2024/25 'Dataset submission closes' and for 2023/24 and 2024/25 'Dataset covers period FROM / TO' in The Directory

Helen Baron 03/07/2025 11:26 AM

I have used the following link to UPCARE for The Directory 2025-26

Helen Baron 04/02/2026 11:48 AM

I have used the following link for both the outlier and cause for concern policy [1.9a&b] in The Directory.