

National Paediatric Diabetes Audit (NPDA)

Clinical Lead Role Description

Role Title:	National Paediatric Diabetes Audit Clinical Lead
RCPCH Team:	National Paediatric Diabetes Audit (NPDA)
RCPCH Division:	Research and Quality Improvement
Time Commitment:	1.5 PAs per week
Remuneration:	£22,000 per annum, with a 3% annual increase. This role is funded until 30 April 2027 and will be extended until 30 April 2030, in line with the RCPCH's contract to deliver the NPDA.
Start date:	Early 2027. The start date will be agreed with the successful applicant.

The RCPCH is currently commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) to deliver and manage three national clinical audits as part of the wider National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP). The National Clinical Audit Clinical Leads play a key role in the successful delivery of these impactful national audit projects.

RCPCH National Clinical Audit Clinical Leads are responsible for overseeing and managing clinical audits at a national level, ensuring they are conducted effectively and that they contribute to improving patient care. This role involves leading project working groups, developing audit methodologies, and promoting best practices in audit and quality improvement.

The National Paediatric Diabetes Audit (NPDA) Clinical Lead will be supported by an experienced project manager within the RCPCH Audits team who will take responsibility for the day-to-day operational delivery of the project. The wider team includes project administrators, analysts, coordinators, and senior analysts; under the direction of the Head of Audits.

Further input and support is provided from teams across the RCPCH with senior staff governance provided by the RCPCH Executive Director of Research and Quality Improvement and senior clinical oversight from the RCPCH Vice President for Science and Research who will also act as Chair of the respective Audit Project Boards.

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The NPDA Clinical Lead will be remunerated for work undertaken in the role via a secondment agreement between the RCPCH and their employing Health Board/Trust at a defined programme activity (PA) rate.

The main function of the NPDA Clinical Lead role will be to provide expert clinical leadership to the respective audit project and more broadly will encompass the following tasks and responsibilities:

- Overseeing the clinical direction and relevance of the audit project's aims in line with the scope of the work set out in the contract deliverables agreed with the commissioners and funders.
- Attending all audit project board meetings (estimated at four per year at quarterly intervals, with at least one meeting per year to be attended in person at the RCPCH offices).
- Chairing audit project methodology & dataset group meetings (estimated at four per year at quarterly intervals), leading related discussions on the audit measures, datasets, key performance indicators, outlier metrics and other methodological issues and opportunities for using audit data for quality and service improvement.
- Attending regular meetings with members of the RCPCH-based project teams at intervals agreed in conjunction with the audit project manager.
- Attending 6-monthly contract review meetings with the audit project commissioners, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP).
- Engaging effectively with the relevant patient and professional bodies, NHS commissioners and regional and network contacts and representing the audit project at related events and meetings (e.g. the British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, Breakthrough T1D UK, and Diabetes UK).
- Contributing expert clinical input on the preparation and submission of audit project contract tender and extension documentation.
- Liaising with RCPCH Officers to ensure that the work of the audit projects align with the core aims of the current RCPCH Strategy.
- Providing expert clinical oversight for audit project publications and outputs including annual State of the Nation reports and key performance indicator dashboard displays.
- Providing expert clinical oversight for the development and ongoing review of the audit project Healthcare Improvement Strategy and aligned Healthcare Improvement Goals.

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- Providing expert clinical oversight for audit project conference abstracts, presentations, research papers and journal submissions.
- Reviewing and assessing for clinical relevance requests submitted for access to audit data for research and quality and service improvement projects.
- Preparing and presenting reports and webinars on audit findings and recommendations, communicating with a range of key stakeholders, and promoting awareness of audit results.
- Undertaking other project related activities to support and advise the audit project team including providing expert clinical advice on responding to audit project help desk queries.

Clinical lead roles will be remunerated via secondment agreements between the RCPCH and employing NHS Health Boards/Trusts for an agreed number of PAs per month in line with the audit project budgets as agreed with HQIP.

Tenure

Initially in line with the timeframe for the related contract with HQIP for the delivery of the national audit project (normally 3 years plus a possible 2 year extension). The current contract period runs to 30 April 2027 and confirmation is expected that a new 3-year contract for the RCPCH to continue to deliver the NPDA from 1 May 2027.

Recruitment Process

Appointment to the role will follow a robust recruitment process undertaken in conjunction with the RCPCH Vice President for Science and Research. Applicants should send their completed application form and CV by email to amani.krayem@rcpch.ac.uk by 9am, 2nd December 2026. Selected applicants will be invited to interview on 14th November 2026.

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Person Specification

Criterion	Essential	Desirable
Clinical experience	10 years' experience at consultant level in paediatric diabetes. Currently employed in a substantive clinical role within an NHS Health Board/Trust within the past 2 years in paediatric diabetes.	At least two year's experience as the named clinical lead within the employing NHS Health Board/Trust for paediatric diabetes.
Research experience	Evidence of lead authorship for peer-reviewed publications in paediatric diabetes.	Peer reviewed publications as a consultant within the last 5 years.
Audit experience	Evidence of having completed a full cycle of an audit project(s) as a consultant working with junior staff. and Evidence of having used NPDA data to influence change in practice and clinical improvement as a result, whether at a local, regional or national level.	A period of time completed (at least 6 months) as the registered Health Board/Trust registered clinical lead and main contact for the NPDA national clinical audit participation.
Data collection		Experience on the development of an audit dataset against professional guidelines and/or quality standards. Experience working as the clinical lead on the clinical data flow for an online data processing platform and/or data reporting dashboard.
Information Governance	A strong understanding of information governance in the context of the management	Evidence of completion of/ or willingness to complete Medical Research Council (MRC)

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	and processing of large clinical datasets and the analysis of personal identifiable data. Evidence of up to date completion of NHS Health Board/Trust Information Governance training.	Research, GDPR and confidentiality training.
Data analysis and statistical methods	Ability to interpret data analyses and statistical outputs, and to critically appraise statistical techniques for their appropriateness in a clinical context.	
IT experience	Experience with Microsoft Office and collaborating on Microsoft Word documents.	An understanding of relational databases and statistical software.
Inter-personal skills	Chairing/managing committees. Chairing events with audiences > 100. Running question/answer sessions.	Experience of delivering webinars on clinical audit topics.
General	Ability to free up an average of 1.5 PAs/week for RCPCH audit project work in agreement with employing NHS Health Board/Trust and clinical colleagues.	Ability to be available to respond to ad hoc queries from the audit project team.

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