Outlier management – NNAP 2025 data

The NNAP undertakes an annual process for the detection and management of outlier status for a selection of NNAP measures. The NNAP Outlier Management Policy for 2025 data is available at: https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/nnap-methodology-outlier-process. The NNAP policy follows the process set out in the HQIP outlier guidance for England and Wales, available at: https://www.hqip.org.uk/outlier-management-for-national clinical-audits/

In line with the policy, the table below details the neonatal units that have been identified as outliers at alarm level, by measure, for NNAP 2025 data, and provided the outlier status and the Trust response to the outlier management process.

Units with a * symbol have known issues relating to data completeness for the 2025 dataset, which affects their results for some NNAP measures.

Table showing outlying neonatal units for management (alarm level only), by NNAP measure

Unit name	Trust/Health Board	Level	Response to outlier management process
Breastmilk feeding on day two			
Basildon University Hospital	Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgment received.
Darent Valley Hospital	Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation undertaken and action plan developed.
Leicester Neonatal Service (Leicester Royal Infirmary and Leicester General Hospital)	University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation being undertaken.
Medway Maritime Hospital	Medway NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation undertaken and action plan developed.
Nottingham University Hospital (QMC)	Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgment received, QI project already underway. Notification being discussed in risk meeting.
Pinderfields General Infirmary (Pontefract)	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, QI project for measure already underway.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital	East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgment received.
*University College London Hospital	University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, outlier status was expected due to the implementation of a new EPRS and challenges with re-establishing the required data follow for NNAP reporting. UCLH NHS FT have undertaken independent analysis to provide local assurance.
University Hospital of North Tees	North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgment received.
University Hospital of Wishaw	NHS Lanarkshire	Alarm	Acknowledgment received, investigation being undertaken.
Deferred cord clamping			
Barnet Hospital	Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation undertaken and action plan developed.
Basildon University Hospital	Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgment received.
East Surrey Hospital	Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation being undertaken.
Princess Alexandra Hospital	The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation being undertaken and action plan will be developed.
Queen Alexandra Hospital	Portsmouth Hospitals University National Health Service Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received..
Follow up at two years			
Great Western Hospital	Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, action plan developed.
Lincoln County Hospital	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation undertaken and action plan developed.
Princess Alexandra Hospital	The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, investigation being undertaken and action plan will be developed.
Interventricular haemorrhage (IVH) missing data			

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford	Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgment received.
*Evelina London Children's Hospital	Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	Alarm	Acknowledgement received, noted improvements in head scan data abstraction for the 2026 data year.
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