

# HOW THE NOA IS WORKING TO IMPROVE... QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CLINICAL AUDIT



## BACKGROUND

The Orthopaedic Quality Improvement (incl. Clinical Audit) Network (OQICAN) was set up in November 2020 to enable specialist orthopaedic trusts and centres to be connected as a primary source of support and expertise in all aspects of quality improvement and clinical audit. It is led by and for the orthopaedic community in the UK because we recognise that the organisations under this specialty face similar challenges and undertake comparable quality improvement initiatives that could be shared with other orthopaedic centres.

## WHO'S INVOLVED

Anyone from the NOA network who has an interest in QI or Clinical Audit, including clinicians, operational managers, administrators alongside improvement and quality specialists. OQICAN continues to grow and has partnerships with NQICAN and the Clinical Audit Support Centre. **If you want to get involved, email [info.noa@nhs.net](mailto:info.noa@nhs.net)**



The network formally launched in Summer 2021 and kicked off with a successful CPD accredited Information Governance for Quality Improvement workshop and a Learning Forum which showcased some of the quality improvement work going on at NOA member Trusts. We also host virtual Coffee Catch-ups.

## WHAT WE'VE DONE

## HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

- **80** People have come together to share learning
- **4** National projects have been agreed
- **2** Projects have started



## WHAT'S NEXT

- Develop patient partners to help us choose the right projects
- Work alongside the NOA board to align our priorities
- Engage the expertise of more trusts from the network
- Create even more opportunities for shared learning

## WHAT MEMBERS THINK

"At the heart of OQICAN's agenda is the importance and value of collaboration between orthopaedic providers. As the network grows and gathers pace, we hope it will become a powerful vehicle to evaluate and improve our services."

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