



National Respiratory Audit Programme (was National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme)

UPCARE: 0.01	National Respiratory Audit Programme (was National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme)
Programme name - please do not change this field.*	
0.02 Workstream name (if applicable) - please do not change this field.*	Asthma Secondary Care
0.1 Contract status	Ongoing
0.2 Audit or non-audit	Audit
0.3 HQIP commissioned*	Yes
0.41 HQIP AD	JC
0.42 HQIP PM	SB
1.0 Included in current NHS Quality Accounts*	Yes
1.1a Geographical coverage - HQIP agreement*	England; Wales
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.*	Respiratory
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*	Includes patients: • who are 16 years and over on the date of arrival

- who have been admitted* to hospital adult services,
- who have a primary diagnosis of asthma attack,
- where an initial, or unclear, diagnosis is revised to asthma
- coded with the following ICD-10 codes in the primary position of the first episode of care:
 - J44.0 - Predominantly allergic asthma
 - J44.1 - Nonallergic asthma
 - J44.8 - Mixed asthma
 - J44.9 - Asthma, unspecified
 - J44.0 - Status asthmaticus (*Includes: Acute severe asthma*)

Excludes patients:

- In whom an initial diagnosis of an acute asthma attack is revised to an alternative at a later stage,
- who are between 16 and 18 but seen on a paediatric ward

*Where Admission is an episode in which a patient with an asthma attack is admitted to a ward and stayed in hospital for 4 hours or more (this includes Emergency Medicine Centres, Acute Medical Unit, Clinical Decision Units, short stay wards or similar, but excludes patients treated transiently before discharge from the Emergency Department (ED)).

1.5 Methods of data submission*	Bespoke data submission by healthcare provider; Extraction from existing data source(s)
1.6a 2023/24 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*	Adult Asthma For an annual cohort NRAP have in place quarterly data submission deadlines. These quarterly data deadlines started in conjunction with the new contract 01 June 2023. Data submission deadline for the cohort: 01 April 2023 to 30 September 2023 - 10 November 2023 01 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 - 09 February 2024 01 January 2023 to 31 March 2024 - 10 May 2024
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1.6c 2025/26 data submission closes - please indicate date,	Adult Asthma For an annual cohort NRAP have in place quarterly data submission deadlines.

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Data submission deadline for the cohort:

01 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 - 15 August 2025

01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 - 14 November 2025

01 October 2025 to 31 December 2025 - 13 February 2026

01 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 - 15 May 2026

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

Adult Asthma

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Data submission deadline for the cohort:

01 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 - 14 August 2026

01 July 2026 to 30 September 2026 - 13 November 2026

01 October 2026 to 31 December 2026 - 12 February 2027

01 January 2027 to 31 March 2027 - 14 May 2027

1.7 Data flow diagram

[aa_data-flow_v20-december-2024-january-26-review.pdf](#)

Data flow diagram is uploaded within 'files' section

1.8 Data quality & analysis plan

COPD, adult asthma, children and young people's asthma and PR

The audits are currently running continuously. The audit datasets will be reviewed and streamlined annually. This will involve consultation (including with patients/carers), review of poorly completed/highly burdensome items, and reappraisal of the evidence.

Comprehensive validation rules are built into the web-tool to ensure that incorrect, conflicting and/or illogical data cannot be saved. Pop-up warnings appear for values that are plausible, but rare. There should be no missing data, as all questions are 'mandatory' and records cannot be locked until all data items are completed. If sites attempt to lock an incomplete record, a pop-up appears, directing them to the incomplete fields.

[sofn_methodology_v1-may-2025.pdf](#) - combined report methodology report

1.9a Link to the outlier policy*

[nrp-outliers-policy-v20_final.pdf](#)

1.9b Link to the cause for concern policy*	<i>Not applicable.</i> <i>NRAP does not operate a cause for concern policy due to no current identifiers that are regularly reported categorised as cause for concern indicators. NRAP continue to review the HQIP cause for concern guidance - NCAPOP-Cause-for-Concern-Guidance-Final-E-and-W-Feb-2019.pdf. NRAP apply the outlier policy as listed in Q1.9a, and escalate outliers inline with HQIP guidance and NRAP policy.</i>
2.1 Outcome measures	Adult Asthma Secondary Care • Mortality - once per contract extension period (01 June 2026 to 31 May 2028) • Length of stay - annually via report • Readmissions - once per contract extension period (01 June 2026 to 31 May 2028) • Clinical outcomes (2021-23) and outliers summary report RCP
2.2 Process measures	Adult Asthma Secondary Care • Respiratory specialist review – real time run charts (updated every hour) • Peak flow - real time charts (updated every hour) • Care bundle – real time run charts (updated every hour) • Systemic steroids – real time run charts (updated every hour) • Smoking - real time charts (updated every hour) Drawing Breath report (2021/22) - Drawing Breath - clinical audit report 2021/22 RCP Breathing Well report (2022/23) - Breathing well – clinical audit report 2022/23 RCP Catching Our Breath report (2023/24) - Catching our breath - clinical audit report 2023/24 RCP
2.3 Organisational measures	COPD and adult asthma secondary care organisational audit 2024 https://www.rcp.ac.uk/improving-care/national-clinical-audits/the-national-respiratory-audit-programme-nrap/current-nrap-reports/nrap-organisational-audit-2022-24/
2.4 Patient reported outcome measures	N/A
2.5 Patient reported experience measures	N/A
2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of	Professional society; NICE quality standard; NICE clinical guideline; Royal College

evidence (select all that apply)

2.6b Evidence supplemental information

Adult Asthma Secondary care

Clinical guidance

- BTS/NICE/SIGN Joint Guideline on Asthma: diagnosis, monitoring and chronic asthma management - [Chronic Asthma](#) | [British Thoracic Society](#) | [Better lung health for all](#)

Clinical standards

- NICE quality standard QS25 - [Quality statements](#) | [Asthma](#) | [Quality standards](#) | [NICE](#)

Professional society recommendations

- The Royal College of Emergency Medicine. Moderate & Acute Severe Asthma clinical audit 2016/17, national report - [Report](#)
- Why asthma still kills, The National Review of Asthma Deaths (NRAD) - [Why asthma still kills](#) | [RCP](#)

3.1 Results visualisation

Interactive online portal (run charts available); Annual report; Static data files

3.2a Levels of reporting*

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

3.3 Timeliness of results feedback

Within 1 year; Within 6 months; Within 1 month

3.4 Link to dynamic reporting*

<http://www.nrap.org.uk>; <https://www.nrap.org.uk/nacap/AAcharts.nsf>

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

01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024

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

01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

4.03 2025/26 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*

01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026

4.04 2026/27 Dataset covers the period

01/04/2026 - 31/03/2027

**FROM/TO (within
financial year 01/04 to
31/03)***

4.10 Dataset #1 name	Adult asthma, secondary care, clinical audit
4.11 Dataset #1 type	Clinical audit
4.12 Dataset #1 population coverage*	All eligible patients; Sample of eligible patients
4.13 Dataset #1 items collected (n)	50
4.14 Dataset #1 items from existing national datasets (n)	2
4.15 Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets	Office for National Statistics (ONS); Hospital episode statistics (HES); Patient episode database for Wales (PEDW)
4.16 Dataset #1 specification	Data set is uploaded within 'files' section.
4.20 Dataset #2 name	COPD and Adult Asthma Secondary Care Organisational Audit
4.21 Dataset #2 type	Organisational audit
4.23 Dataset #2 items collected (n)	45
4.24 Dataset #2 items from existing national datasets (n)	0
4.26 Dataset #2 specification	Data set is uploaded within 'files' section.
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).	01/04/2024

5.10 When were your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) signed off by funders? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP template and naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).	05/03/2025
5.11 Please add the hyperlink to where your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) are published on your project website.*	https://www.nrap.org.uk/nacap/AAcharts.nsf/Benchmarks?readform=&openform=&pd=2025
5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*	12 January 2023 - Drawing Breath - clinical audit report 2021/22 Drawing Breath - clinical audit report 2021/22 RCP
5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*	30 June 2024 - Breathing well: A nationwide assessment of respiratory care - combined clinical audit report 2022/23 Breathing well – clinical audit report 2022/23 RCP
5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*	12 June 2025 - Catching our breath - combined clinical audit report 2023/24 Catching our breath - clinical audit report 2023/24 RCP 09 October 2025 - Combined outcomes report 2021/2023 and outlier report for 2023/24 Clinical outcomes (2021-23) and outliers summary report RCP
5.23 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2026)*	11 June 2026 Room to Breathe - combined clinical audit report 2024/25 September 2026 - NRAP outliers summary report (2024/25)
5.24 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2027)*	June 2027 (exact date and name TBA) - combined clinical audit report 2025/26 Date TBC 2027 - NRAP outliers summary report (2025/26) November 2027 (exact date and name TBA) - combined organisational audit report

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.	No
6.1b If no, please briefly explain why Welsh translations are not provided.	To translate into Welsh was not a contract deliverable and therefore was not budgeted for in the current contract.
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).	06/02/2026
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.rcp.ac.uk/media/xvzheai2/2026-02-09-nrap-upcare-adult-asthma-secondary-care.pdf

Files	NRAP Adult asthma advisory group - Terms of Reference v0.4.pdf
	NRAP adult asthma COPD organisational audit dataset February 2024.pdf
	NRAP_Healthcare improvement strategy 2023-26_v1.2 .pdf
	AA_Data Flow_v2.0 December 2024 January 26 Review.pdf
	NRAP AA_Clinical Audit Dataset_v5.02_FINAL.pdf
	2026-27_Metrics_NRAP_adult_asthmav1.0.xlsx

