



## National Falls & Fragility Fracture Audit Programme

**UPCARE: Programme name - please do not change this field.\*** National Falls & Fragility Fracture Audit Programme

**Workstream name (if applicable) - please do not change this field.\*** National Audit of Inpatient Falls

**Contract status** Ongoing

**Audit or non-audit** Audit

**HQIP commissioned\*** Yes

**HQIP AD** PS

**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.\*** Falls

**1.2b If you selected 'Other' above, please provide details.\*** Falls, older people

**1.3a Healthcare setting\*** NHS secondary or tertiary care; NHS mental healthcare; NHS community care

**1.4 Inclusion and exclusion criteria\*** Inclusion: NHS patients living in England and Wales aged 50 and over who have sustained fragility fracture.

Exclusion: Fractures of the face, skull, scaphoid and digits.

<b>1.5 Methods of data submission*</b>	Bespoke data submission by healthcare provider; Extraction from existing data source(s)
<b>1.6a 2023/24 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*</b>	09/04/2024
<b>1.6b 2024/25 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*</b>	31/03/2025
<b>1.7 Data flow diagram</b>	<a href="https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/fffap-data-processing-statements">https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/fffap-data-processing-statements</a>
<b>1.8 Data quality &amp; analysis plan</b>	<p>The audit is completed by clinical teams using the online webtool.</p> <p>Crown Informatics complete internal data value and range checks, date/time checks and dataset logic checks. The webtool validates data at the point of entry by rejecting invalid responses. Data are reviewed by Crown post extract for validity and dataset consistency.</p> <p>NAIF analysis plan: <a href="#">National Audit of Inpatient Falls (NAIF)   RCP London</a> (available within each annual report)</p>
<b>1.9 Outlier policy</b>	An outlier policy was not relevant to this audit until the changes in Jan 2024, further clarification sought from HQIP on cause for concern to be able to discuss with the subgroup/Advisory group. There are also additional queries on small numbers, which are being collated and then NAIF team will review how to align with the HQIP guidance.
<b>2.1 Outcome measures</b>	<p>Occupied bed days</p> <p>Analgesia prescribed</p>
<b>2.2 Process measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of multi-factorial risk assessment</li> <li>• Medication review</li> <li>• Delirium assessment</li> <li>• Mobility assessment</li> <li>• Continence assessment</li> <li>• Medical assessment post fall</li> <li>• Lying/Standing blood pressure</li> </ul>

### 2.3 Organisational measures

- Use of falls screening tools
- Processes for assessing the gap between actual and reported falls
- Audit on the clinical appropriateness of bedrails
- Availability of flat lifting equipment
- Access to written information about fall prevention
- Regular fall prevention training for staff made mandatory
- Executive and non-executive director with specific roles/responsibilities for falls prevention
- Multi-disciplinary working group for falls prevention
- Policy on the availability of walking aids for newly admitted patients
- Occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over
- Age profile of occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over
- Sex profile of occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over
- Total number of reported falls in inpatients aged 16 and over in all specialties excluding maternity
- Total number of falls leading to severe harm/death in inpatients aged 16 and over in all specialties excluding maternity
- Number of falls that resulted in severe harm or death that included hip fractures

### 2.4 Patient reported outcome measures

Not currently collected

### 2.5 Patient reported experience measures

Not currently collected

### 2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of evidence (select all that apply)

NICE clinical guideline; NICE quality standard; Professional society

### 2.6b Evidence supplemental information

**NICE Quality Standard 86 statements 2, 4, 5 and 6**

**NICE Clinical Guideline 124**

**NHS [Consultation on guidance on the safe use of bed rails](#)**

**RCP [FallSafe measurement of under-reporting grid](#)**

NHS England [Essential care after an inpatient fall](#)

NHS England, Patient Safety First – [Implementing human factors in healthcare](#)

### 3.1 Results visualisation

Annual report; Patient report; Interactive online portal (run charts available)

### 3.2a Levels of reporting\*

National; Trust or health board; Hospital or specialist unit; Integrated care system (ICS)

### 3.3 Timeliness of results feedback

Within 24 hours; Within 3 months; Within 1 year

<b>2023/24 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*</b>	01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023
<b>2024/25 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*</b>	01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024
<b>Dataset #1 name</b>	National Audit of Inpatient Falls
<b>Dataset #1 type*</b>	Clinical audit
<b>Dataset #1 population coverage*</b>	All eligible patients
<b>Dataset #1 items collected (n)</b>	34
<b>Dataset #1 items from existing national datasets (n)</b>	3
<b>Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets</b>	Other; Hospital episode statistics (HES); Office for National Statistics (ONS)
<b>Dataset #1 specification</b>	3 existing national dataset items from NHFD (which in turn come from HES and ONS): Patient name Patient NHS number Trust where fall occurred
<b>Dataset #2 name</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dataset #3 name</b>	Not applicable
<b>Dataset #4 name</b>	Not applicable

<p><b>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).</b></p>	15/01/2024
<p><b>National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*</b></p>	November 2023
<p><b>Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*</b></p>	October 2024
<p><b>Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*</b></p>	October 2025
<p><b>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).</b></p>	29/01/2025
<p><b>Please add a hyperlink to UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).*</b></p>	<a href="https://www.rcp.ac.uk/improving-care/national-clinical-audits/falls-and-fragility-fracture-audit-programme-fffap/fffap-data-processing-statements/">https://www.rcp.ac.uk/improving-care/national-clinical-audits/falls-and-fragility-fracture-audit-programme-fffap/fffap-data-processing-statements/</a>
<p><b>Files</b></p>	<p>20240322 Metrics FFFAP NAIF.xlsx</p> <p>FFFAP healthcare improvement strategy 2023-26v FINAL.docx</p>
<p><b>Comments</b></p>	<p><b>Sarah Walker</b> 08/12/2021 16:29</p> <p>Hi @Emily Coll - this is the NAIF workstream. Thanks, Sarah</p>

**Helen Baron** 28/03/2024 12:58

Dear team,

Is it possible for you to provide (in 3.4) a URL link for dynamic reporting, dashboard or data resources for the programme or workstream – this will be added to The Directory.

Please try to ensure that the link provided is for an overarching menu page that will remain current and accessible throughout the year.

The link in the current version of The Directory for the NAIF is given as

<https://www.fffap.org.uk/fffap/naifrep.nsf/charts/KPIsoverview>.

Should this still be used?

Thank you,

Helen

**Helen Baron** 11/04/2024 10:40

Hello, Just to confirm that I will retain the following link in the 'dynamic reporting' field in The Directory.

<https://www.fffap.org.uk/fffap/naifrep.nsf/charts/KPIsoverview>