

## Clinical Audit Training

A series of training packages is offered to meet the needs of all NHSBT staff:-



- **Half Day Introductory workshop** – for those with no or little clinical audit experience.
- **Distance Learning Programme** – Two modules involving an introduction to quality and clinical audit and a more in-depth look at the clinical audit process.
- **One day Advanced Workshop** – a practical workshop for those who have completed the Distance Learning Programme or have previous clinical audit experience. (available in 2008)

To register, or for more information contact your Senior Clinical Audit Facilitator.

## How to obtain support for Clinical Audit Projects

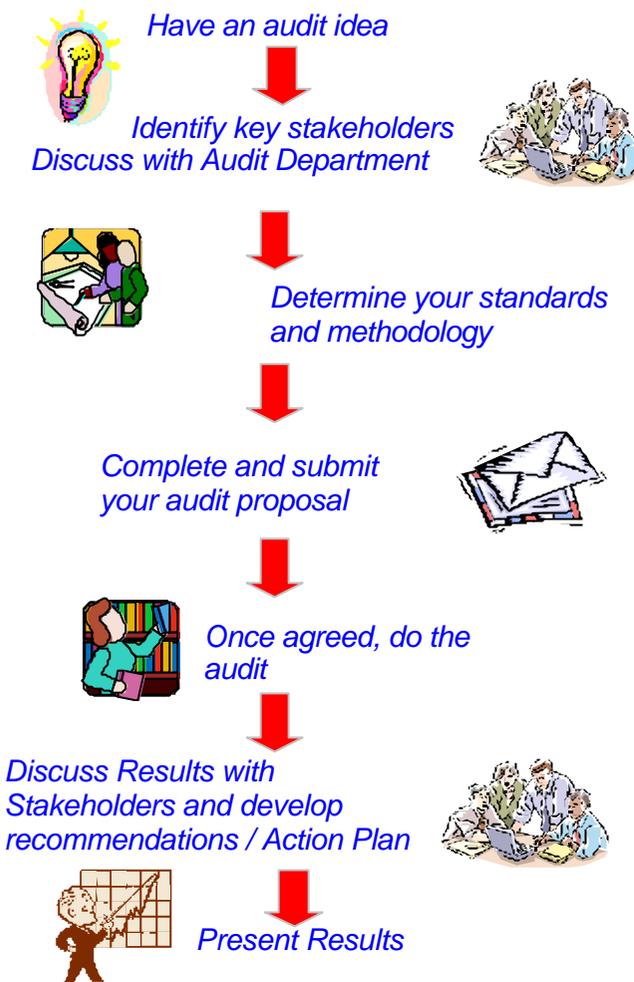
All clinical audits should be agreed with a senior clinical audit facilitator so that they can be registered on the NHSBT Clinical Audit Database. To do this, you will need to submit a clinical audit proposal form that can be completed help from the clinical audit department.



More information about clinical audit is available in this leaflet series which include selecting a topic and differences between clinical audit and research.

For advice and support, please come along to your local clinical audit department.

## Procedure for performing audit in NHSBT



**NB:** Although other NHS staff may find this leaflet helpful, it is primarily for NHSBT staff. The clinical audit training described is available for NHSBT staff only. If you wish to undertake clinical audit, contact your organisation's clinical audit department or Regional Transfusion Committee.

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# Quick Guide to Clinical Audit in NHS Blood and Transplant

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## Quick Guide to Clinical Audit in NHSBT

**Clinical Audit** is a quality improvement tool that allows organisations and individuals to measure and improve their practice. It has been defined by the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence as:

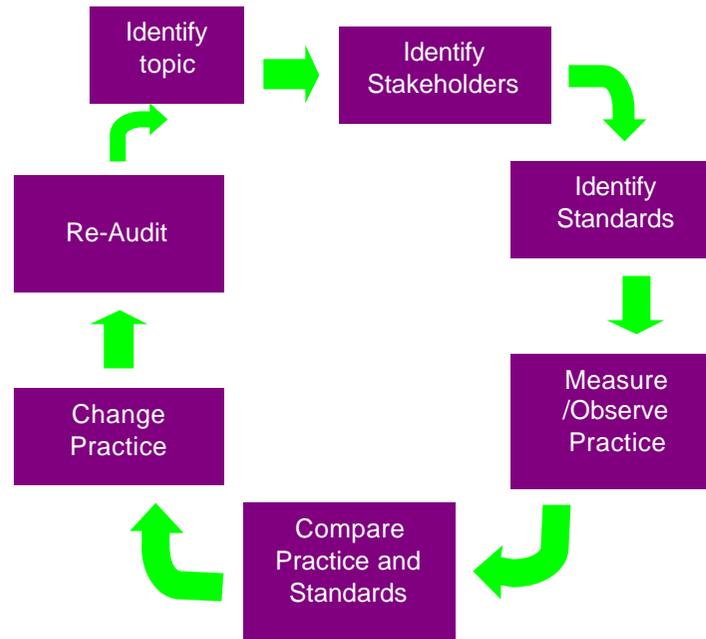
*"...a quality improvement process that seeks to improve patient care and outcomes through systematic review of care against explicit criteria and the implementation of change..."*

The aim of clinical audit is to measure the gap between ideal practice (determined from evidence and guidelines) and actual practice. Audit does not seek to apportion blame on individual practitioners, but aims to improve the systems in which individuals work. Done correctly, audit can bring about change and improve practice and clinical effectiveness.

As part of clinical governance, all health care professionals have a duty to audit and improve their practice. Clinical Governance is a framework through which NHS organisations are responsible for continually improving the quality of their services.

Within NHSBT, clinical audit is supported and facilitated by the **Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Steering Group (CAESG)**, along with a team of dedicated clinical audit professionals. The CAESG consists of the Medical Director, representation from all four Clinical Directors, Donor Services Head Nurse, Head of Governance, Senior Clinical Audit Staff and a Laymember. This ensures that all operational directorates participate in clinical audit and effectiveness projects.

## The Clinical Audit Cycle



## Benefits of Clinical Audit

### To Health Care Professionals

- Provides workable standards
- Resolves problems
- Improves and increases teamworking and levels of communication
- Ensures appropriate use of skills and resources
- Increases knowledge and skills
- Can identify training needs
- Measures quality in current practice

### To Patients / Donors

- Improves quality of care and service received
- Prompt changes in delivery of care
- Highlights precise donor/patient needs
- Involves donors/patients in decision-making
- Raises donor/patients confidence in service and care levels
- Provides clear information about care and risks involved

## The Clinical Audit Department offers:

- **Help and Support** to effectively design, plan and undertake a clinical audit project.
- As part of audit projects, help with literature searching, sourcing relevant standards and undertaking data collection, data entry and analysis.
- Facilitating the dissemination of clinical audit results with presentations, posters, report writing etc.
- Facilitating the change process by developing Action Plans
- **Information Stands** at meetings and educational events.
- **Clinical Audit Conference**
- **Clinical Audit Database** of all clinical audits performed in NHSBT
- **Clinical Audit Intranet Site** with more information and copies of clinical audit reports. Available at:

[http://nbsweb/clinical/clinical\\_audit/index.asp](http://nbsweb/clinical/clinical_audit/index.asp)

