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## RCEM Quality Assurance & Improvement

### Transparency of Clinical Audit Data

In his July 2011 open letter to Cabinet Ministers, the Prime Minister acknowledged the work of the Public Sector Transparency Board and the Local Public Data Panel and committed the government to making more data publicly available.

Transparency of public sector data is powerful: it is a driver of innovation and change. The Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) national clinical audits have been in the public domain for the last four years and will now be more accessible through their availability on this website. The national audit programme is one of the largest clinical audit programmes in the world, complementing similar national clinical audits operated by other Medical Royal Colleges. As quality assurance, the data are a benchmark of emergency care and important indicators of key clinical performance for individual Trusts.

All data that is published in the national clinical audit reports from 2015/16 onwards will be available on the RCEM website.

Essentially this will comprise of:

- Participating Trusts
- Performance against the national standards
- Performance of individual Trusts
- Data collected that relates to structure and process (where applicable)
- Data collected that relates to staffing and resources (where applicable)

These data do not contain any patient identifiable information.

The RCEM national clinical audit programme will continue as part of RCEM's commitment to maintaining and improving clinical care in Emergency Departments.

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