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Emergency Medicine - Data Collection and NHS Benchmarking Network

The Getting It Right First Time Programme (GIRFT) is undertaking a review of Emergency Medicine to identify potential changes that will improve care and patient outcomes and to share best practice between trusts.

A crucial element of this work led by Dr Christopher Moulton and Dr Clifford Mann OBE, involves building a range of relevant data collections to compile data and insight-driven reports for each trust. Whilst GIRFT can compare services using nationally available data, such as HES and relevant registry or professional body data, detailed departmental information is not available. For example, regarding workforce, capacity and finances.

To ensure GIRFT builds on existing data collections, rather than duplicating effort, GIRFT's Emergency Medicine review team and the **NHS Benchmarking Network** have agreed to work together.

GIRFT Emergency Medicine clinical leads Chris Moulton and Cliff Mann hope that trusts will support this data collection process within their organisations in anticipation of GIRFT visits to present data packs during 2018.

- For trust's who have already submitted data to the Network, a letter has been sent to your CEO asking for their consent for a sub-set of your data being shared with GIRFT.
- For trust's who have not submitted data to the Network, we have asked the Network to collect the same sub-set of data during January. Please can you support this collection at your trust in anticipation of your deep-dive visit during 2018.

If you have any comments, we would be delighted to hear from members via the email address NHSI.GIRFTAnalysts@nhs.net

Background

Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) is a national programme jointly led by NHS Improvement and the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust designed to improve medical care by reducing unwarranted clinical variations. The underpinning principle is that quality and outcomes are improved, resource savings can follow which can be reinvested in patient care.

A key feature of GIRFT is that it is 'clinically-led' where nationally-recognised clinicians ensure relevant metrics are used to develop comprehensive specialty data packs for every trust in England to identify any unwarranted variation and take action to improve efficiency and patient outcomes.

The programme is being rolled out across 35 surgical and medical specialties including Emergency Medicine.



GIRFT began in orthopaedics by Professor Tim Briggs. His approach was popular with clinicians who felt empowered to improve quality and deliver measurable savings.

Further information is available at www.gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk.

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