

## Emergency (non-elective) procedures in children and young people

Aim: To identify good practice and remediable factors in the delivery of care provided to children and young people (CYP) (0-18th birthday) undergoing emergency (non-elective) procedures under anaesthetic or sedation.

### Data collection

Data will be collected through **two** patient identification spreadsheets (TIMEFRAME 1 & TIMEFRAME 2), a real-time clinician survey, surgical, anaesthetic and transfer questionnaires linked to the two patient identification spreadsheets, an organisational questionnaire and photocopied case note extracts.

May  
2024

### Spreadsheet TIMEFRAME 1 & 2 disseminated

The patient identification spreadsheets for **TIMEFRAME 1 (17th June—31st June 2024)** & **TIMEFRAME 2 (12th February—25th February 2024)** are circulated for completion. Two week deadline for **TIMEFRAME 1**. The reviewer advert is also circulated for dissemination in the organisation.

May/June  
2024

### Real-time clinician survey link

A link to the real-time clinician survey will be emailed to all LRs to circulate to surgery, anaesthetics, theatre coordinators and radiology. The survey can be completed for as few or as many children and young people over the study period as the clinicians have capacity to do.

June/July 2024

### Clinician questionnaires and case note requests uploaded for TIMEFRAME 1

Surgical and anaesthetic clinician questionnaires for up to 10 patients per hospital (depending on the organisation) will be uploaded to the online system for the LR to assign to the appropriate clinician. A transfer questionnaire will also be uploaded where necessary. We will also be requesting the case notes via email. **Deadline for TIMEFRAME 1 spreadsheet 12th July 2024**

August  
2024

### Clinician questionnaires and case note requests for TIMEFRAME 2

Surgical and anaesthetic clinician questionnaires for up to 10 patients per hospital (depending on the organisation) will be uploaded to the online system for the LR to assign to the appropriate clinician. A transfer questionnaire will also be uploaded where necessary. We will also be requesting the case notes via email. **Deadline for TIMEFRAME 2 9th August 2024**

September  
2024

### Organisational Questionnaire

The organisational questionnaires will be uploaded to the online system to be completed by the LR with input from appropriate clinicians.

Winter/Spring  
2026

### Publication

You will be emailed the newly published report. Please ensure the report is disseminated to the relevant teams within the trust/health board. NCEPOD also compiles a series of quality improvement tools, to be used locally, including a recommendation checklist, an audit toolkit, a Fishbone and Driver diagram and Failure Modes and Effect Analysis (FMEA).