

# Impact of the Medical & Surgical Clinical Outcome Review Programme

## IMPROVEMENT GOALS

1. Use each NCEPOD report recommendation checklist to assess local practice & report the status to the Executive Board
2. Use the QI tools provided for each report to focus on specific areas for improvement
3. Executive Boards need to encourage implementation of NCEPOD recommendations & help share in the learning

### NATIONAL

How the project provides evidence of quality and outcomes of care nationally

The findings of **'Consolidation Required'**, a review of **community acquired pneumonia** were adopted and embedded into the National Respiratory Audit Programme (NRAP).

Data from past reports have been used to capture examples of [healthcare inequalities](#) – published in a summary report updated in 2024 – commissioned and promoted by NHSE.

**'Making the Cut?'** a review of **Crohn's disease** was presented at The British Association of Parental and Enteral Nutrition (BAPEN) conference, Association of GB&I Symposium and Association of Coloproctologists of GB&I meeting

**'Making the Cut?'** was covered in an article in Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol 2023: Surgery in Crohn's disease: patients need MDT - led holistic care

**'Making the Cut?'** was presented at World Society of Emergency Surgery congress

### SYSTEM

How the project supports policy development & system management

The Association of Coloproctologists of GB&I stated – *"We believe that the recommendations in the NCEPOD report are essential to improving the quality of surgery for Crohn's disease in the UK. We urge you to read the report and take a critical look at the recommendations to assess if your local service is running optimally"* in relation to **'Making the Cut?'**

Recommendations from **'Endometriosis: A Long and Painful Road'** have been included into the update of NICE Guideline NG73

Responding to **'Endometriosis: A Long and Painful Road'** RCOG Vice President for Clinical Quality, said: "Endometriosis is a chronic condition that can have a significant impact on the physical and mental health of those living with it, and delayed diagnosis is currently a significant issue. "This insightful 'deep dive' into how women and people with endometriosis are cared for by the NHS found room for improvement in around half of the patient cases studied. Clear recommendations are provided for NHS organisations, Royal Colleges and individual teams to support through audit and quality improvement initiatives."

### PUBLIC

How the project is used by the public and the demand for it

Emma Cox, CEO of Endometriosis UK, said: *"'A Long and Painful Road' clearly evidences the issues faced today by those with endometriosis, and the recommendations show how improvements can – and must - be made. Implementing these will not only reduce suffering for those with endometriosis, it will also save the NHS time and resources."*

We held a public webinar for **'Endometriosis: A Long and Painful Road'**, advertised through Endometriosis UK, joined by 150 participants. We provided a patient leaflet of questions people could ask if they experiencing signs or symptoms of endometriosis.

**914 patients** were involved in an online survey for **'Endometriosis: A Long and Painful Road'** to give their views on the quality of care they had received.

NCEPOD continues to recruit to a panel of lay representatives to support our entire work programme who are involved from the study design period until report publication.

We have an active social media presence on [X](#) with over 5,800 followers, [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### LOCAL

How the project stimulates quality improvement

NCEPOD clinical and non-clinical team members present report findings at a hospital meetings.

We have attended local audit/QI meetings to talk about NCEPOD's work programme and, held three online local reporter days with around 150 attendees at each one. Many of them sharing examples of how our reports recommendations are used locally.

Quality Improvement support tools are available following publication and have been widely downloaded.

