**TOPIC PROPOSAL FORM**

**FULL PROPOSAL**

Guidance on completing each section of this form is provided in the form of prompt questions. *These are not intended to be comprehensive* but to allow an opportunity to provide the supplier with an overview of the rationale supporting the proposal.

Completed forms should be submitted electronically to [**mmason@ncepod.org.uk**](mailto:mmason@ncepod.org.uk) by **9.00am Monday 9th March 2026**

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| **WORKING TITLE** |  |
| **Name of person submitting the topic** |  |
| **Organisation – if relevant** |  |

To help us decide under which programme this topic should be considered – please answer yes or no below. If you are unsure, then leave it unanswered and we will decide.

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| **Considered specifically for the Child Health Programme**  **(patients aged 0-24 years inclusive)** |  |
| **Considered specifically for the Medical and Surgical Programme**  **(patients aged in the range 18 years and over)** |  |

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| **THE PROPOSAL** |
| **1.1 Background and clinical context of the proposed topic.**  Why do we need to review this topic? What is the size of the issue? Tell us what you think we will find and how the findings will affect the care provided to future patients.  *Please explain this as if you are describing the issues to someone outside of your expertise. This form will be read by a mix of specialties and lay members.*  *Maximum response 500 words* |
| Why do we need to review this topic?  What is the size of the issue?  What will we find?  Will the findings still be relevant in two years’ time?  How will the findings improve care for patients? |
| **1.2 Similar work being undertaken.**  Are you aware of any other work currently being undertaken on this topic e.g. a national audit or guideline development? If you are, please list the work and summarise how this study will add to it, noting any potential timeline clashes (*note that an NCEPOD study will be published two-years after commencing*).  *Maximum response 250 words* |
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| **1.3 Standards and guidelines.**  Please list any existing standards/guidelines for the areas to be covered in this study, e.g. NICE or specialty-specific guidelines.  *Maximum response 250 words* |
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| **1.4 National initiatives.**  Please list any national initiatives you are aware of that this work would support, e.g. Core20PLUS5  *Maximum response 250 words* |
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| **1.5 Key stakeholders.**  Which groups are the key stakeholders for this project, and have they been involved in the development of this proposal?  *Please append letters of ‘in principle’ support from potential key stakeholders such as the relevant Royal College, Specialist Association/Society and/or patient organisation(s).*  *Maximum response 250 words* |
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| **References.** |
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If you would like to discuss a topic informally with NCEPOD please contact:

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*Neither Marisa nor Neil has any sway in deciding which topics are chosen. They cannot tell you whether a topic is likely to be shortlisted or chosen but can offer impartial advice as to whether it is the sort of topic that NCEPOD would undertake.*

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