National clinical audit for epilepsy

Epilepsy12 is a national clinical audit which was established in 2009. It has the aim of helping epilepsy services, and those who commission health services, to measure and improve the quality of care for children and young people with seizures and epilepsies.

The RCPCH delivered rounds 1 and 2 of the audit between 2009 and 2014 and has been re-commissioned to deliver round 3 from April 2017 to March 2021 as part of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP).

Epilepsy12 is overseen by a project board and a dedicated project team within the RCPCH. Dr Colin Dunkley, consultant paediatrician, is the current clinical lead for Epilepsy12.

The methodology for the audit was developed in collaboration with a range of key stakeholder organisations, including those that advocate for children and young people who remain at the centre of the work of the project. In round 3 the audit will monitor and report on both the organisation of paediatric services across the country and the standard of care that is given to patients with a new diagnosis of epilepsy across 12 key performance indicators.

Epilepsy12 works closely with the Organisation of Paediatric Epilepsy Networks in the United Kingdom

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(OPEN UK) which represents all 16 regional epilepsy networks across the UK. Epilepsy12 and OPEN UK collaborate on engaging with providers, disseminating results and promoting quality improvement initiatives.

Further information on Epilepsy12 can be viewed at: www.rcpch.ac.uk/epilepsy12

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