

## Minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee of the Confidentiality Advisory Group

25 February 2016

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### Reviewers:

Name	Capacity	Items
Dr Mark Taylor	Chair	1

### NEW AMENDMENTS

#### 1. PIAG 4-08(b)/2003, NCEPOD

##### Context

This application from the NCEPOD set out the purpose of reviewing clinical practice and identifying potentially remediable factors in the practice of medical and surgical care. NCEPOD examines the quality of the delivery of care, not specifically cause of death; this is done by reviewing the provision of care and treatment and the management of health services. The commentary and recommendations made in each report are based on peer review of the data submitted to them. A recommendation for class 1, 4, 5 and 6 support was requested to achieve the purposes set out in the application.

Information will be obtained from case notes. This includes: NHS Number, hospital number, date of birth, gender, date of admission, source of admission, name of admitting clinician/operating clinician, date of discharge/death (if appropriate), date of procedure, type of procedure (OPCS code), diagnosis (ICD10 code (if relevant)). In addition, name and postcode where required (for ONS/HES outcome linkage only).

##### Amendment request

In line with the original application, the applicant has been commissioned by HQIP to undertake two confidential reviews of case notes this year. This amendment covers the first. The methodology follows the standard retrospective case note review as previous reviews, but the topic is new.

##### Confidentiality Advisory Group advice

The amendment request was forwarded to the chair for review and consideration. The Chair noted that the request was for an extension to apply the same methodology that had been previously used and for which the applicant already has support. The Chair agreed that the request was likely to be in the public interest and that no new issues had arisen.

##### Confidentiality Advisory Group conclusion

In line with the considerations above, the Chair agreed that the minimum criteria under the Regulations appeared to have been met for this amendment, and therefore advised recommending support to the Secretary of State for Health.