

# Maximising participation in the

# National Diabetes Audit (NDA) 2016–2017

Guidance  
for CCGs



# Key reasons to support GP practices to participate in the NDA:

## 1

## Comparative data to support planning and improvement activity

The NDA provides an overview of the quality of diabetes care at [national, CCG, LHB, hospital and GP practice level](#). The NDA measures how diabetes services are progressing against National Institute for Care and Health Excellence (NICE) Clinical Guidelines.

### Data collected:

**Registrations** Number of people with diabetes diagnosed and recorded on a practice diabetes register

**Care processes** Percentage of people registered with diabetes who received eight of the nine key care processes of diabetes care

**Treatment targets** Percentage of people registered with diabetes who achieved the NICE defined treatment targets for glucose control, blood pressure and blood cholesterol

**Diabetes structured education** Percentage of people with diabetes who are offered and attend an accredited structured education course

**Outcomes** Rates of acute and long term complications (disease outcomes) for those registered with diabetes

### Data analysis included:

- Type 1 and Type 2 breakdown
- All ages and age-related breakdown
- Data is adjusted for the socio-demographic characteristics of patients (case mix adjustment). This enables data to be compared across providers who serve very different patient populations.

The NDA also drives much of the diabetes data currently available in the system, including:

- [NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare – 2016](#)
- [NHS Commissioning for Value Packs 2016](#)
- [Diabetes Outcomes Versus Expenditure \(DOVE\) tool](#)



The NDA data and the tools outlined above provide comparative information, which can help CCGs to set priorities and make improvements.

## 2

## CCG accountability and assessment

Since June 2016, NDA metrics are used as indicators for the new [Improvement and Assessment Framework for CCGs \(CCG IAF\)](#). The CCG IAF aims to empower CCGs to deliver the transformation necessary to achieve the Five Year Forward View.

Diabetes is one of the six priority clinical areas for the CCG IAF and all CCGs are assessed on the following NDA metrics:

- People with diabetes that have achieved all three NICE recommended treatment targets (HbA1c, cholesterol and blood pressure)
- People with diabetes, diagnosed less than a year, who attend a structured education course

CCGs with <25% GP practice participation will be categorised as 'in greatest need of improvement' due to poor data quality/inability to make a reliable assessment.

# 3

## High participation ensures high quality data across all diabetes audits

In order to minimise the burden of data collection for providers, the NDA uses data from the NDA Core Audit to provide information for other diabetes audits. This is done by linking data sets. The following audits are dependent on data from the Core Audit:

- [National Pregnancy in Diabetes \(NPID\) audit](#)
- [National Diabetes Footcare Audit \(NDFA\)](#)
- [National Diabetes Transition Audit](#) links the NDA Core Audit with [National Paediatric Diabetes Audit](#)

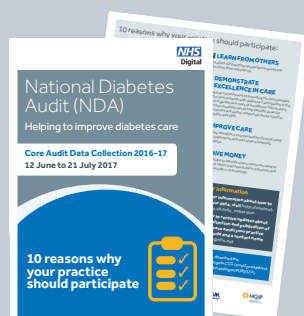
to understand care and treatment for people with diabetes during the transition from paediatric to adult services.

Similarly, NDA Core Audit is linked to Hospital Episode Statistics (England), Patient Episode Database for Wales and ONS mortality data for information on outcomes.

## How your CCG can support participation in the 2016–17 data collection

### Preparing for data submission (May – June)

- ✓ Clarify with practices that no individual patient consent is needed. Though, it is good practice to make patients aware of their participation in the NDA. Patient leaflets and posters are available to download from the [NDA data collection webpage](#)
- ✓ Make sure that NHS Digital have the email address of your CCG's main contact for the NDA. Email contact details to [diabetes@nhs.net](mailto:diabetes@nhs.net)
- ✓ Check which GP practices participated in the 2015-16 audit [here](#). You may want to target those GP practices that didn't participate. And encourage those that did to submit this year
- ✓ Check which IT systems your GP practices use. The way they submit data will be different depending on their IT system
- ✓ Review the [guidance on submitting data](#) for the relevant IT systems. This will help you plan your support to GP practices and assess whether additional resource is needed
- ✓ Circulate the '10 reasons to participate in the NDA' leaflet to GP practices



### During data submission (12 June – 21 July)

- ✓ Identify who in the GP practice will take responsibility for submitting their data to the NDA. This is often the person who has responsibility for IT within the practice
- ✓ Communicate regularly with your GP practices, encouraging them to submit their data and providing support as needed
- ✓ Your CCG (main contact for the NDA) will receive regular updates on which GP practices have submitted, so you can target those who have yet to submit

### What's worked for other CCGs

- ✓ Nominate an NDA champion, who promotes and encourages GP practice participation
- ✓ Enlist the support of data quality staff at your Commissioning Support Unit
- ✓ Hold regular forums led by GP diabetes/long term conditions lead
- ✓ Incentivise GP practices to participate in the NDA via contracts and local agreements
- ✓ Identify someone to visit GP practices to help them with the data upload
- ✓ Where available, and with consent from the practice, access GP practice data remotely and submit on their behalf

# National Diabetes Audit Programme

Established in 2003, the National Diabetes Audit (NDA) is a national clinical audit of diabetes care, treatment and outcomes in England and Wales.

The audit collects and analyses data for use by a range of stakeholders to drive improvements in the quality of services and health outcomes for people with diabetes.

The NDA Programme covers the key processes and outcomes across the whole diabetes care pathway, including:

- Core diabetes care in primary care and secondary care outpatient services, including insulin pump clinics
- Inpatient care for people with diabetes
- Pregnancy services for women with pre-gestational diabetes
- Foot care services for people with diabetes

Through participation in the audit, local services are able to benchmark their performance and identify where they are performing well, and improve the quality of treatment and care they provide. On a national level, wide participation in the audit also provides an overview of the quality of care being provided in England and Wales.

## Further information

All the information about how to participate is available on the NHS Digital website at [http://content.digital.nhs.uk/nda\\_collection](http://content.digital.nhs.uk/nda_collection) or email your queries to [diabetes@nhs.net](mailto:diabetes@nhs.net)

If you want to receive regular updates about the NDA, send your contact details to the NHS Digital, email [diabetes@nhs.net](mailto:diabetes@nhs.net)