



## National Falls & Fragility Fracture Audit Programme

<b>UPCARE: 0.01</b> <b>Programme name -</b> <b>please do not change this</b> <b>field.*</b>	National Falls & Fragility Fracture Audit Programme
<b>0.02 Workstream name (if</b> <b>applicable) - please do</b> <b>not change this field.*</b>	National Audit of Inpatient Falls
<b>0.1 Contract status</b>	Ongoing
<b>0.2 Audit or non-audit</b>	Audit
<b>0.3 HQIP commissioned*</b>	Yes
<b>0.41 HQIP AD</b>	PS
<b>0.42 HQIP PM</b>	SB
<b>1.0 Included in current</b> <b>NHS Quality Accounts*</b>	Yes
<b>1.1a Geographical</b> <b>coverage - HQIP</b> <b>agreement*</b>	England; Wales; Jersey
<b>1.2a Topic - please select</b> <b>which ONE of the</b> <b>following best describes</b> <b>the topic area for the</b> <b>programme or</b> <b>workstream. If more than</b> <b>one apply, please select</b> <b>'Other' and add comment</b> <b>to the next question.*</b>	Falls
<b>1.2b If you selected</b> <b>'Other' above, please</b> <b>provide details.*</b>	Falls, older people
<b>1.3a Healthcare setting*</b>	NHS secondary or tertiary care; NHS mental healthcare; NHS community care
<b>1.4 Inclusion and</b> <b>exclusion criteria*</b>	Inclusion: NHS patients living in England and Wales aged 50 and over who have sustained fragility fracture.  Exclusion: Fractures of the face, skull, scaphoid and digits.
<b>1.5 Methods of data</b> <b>submission*</b>	Bespoke data submission by healthcare provider; Extraction from existing data source(s)

**1.6a 2023/24 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.\***

09/04/2024

**1.6b 2024/25 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.\***

Data for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2024 was due 31/03/2025.

Data are collected annually on 31st of March the following year for the annual report which are scheduled to be published in October.

**1.6c 2025/26 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.\***

Data for 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2025 will be due 31/03/2026.

**1.7 Data flow diagram**

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/fffap-data-processing-statements>

**1.8 Data quality & analysis plan**

The audit is completed by clinical teams using the online webtool.

Crown Informatics complete internal data value and range checks, date/time checks and dataset logic checks. The webtool validates data at the point of entry by rejecting invalid responses. Data are reviewed by Crown post extract for validity and dataset consistency.

NAIF analysis plan: [National Audit of Inpatient Falls \(NAIF\) | RCP London](#) (available within each annual report)

**1.9a Link to the outlier policy\***

An outlier policy was not relevant to this audit until the changes in Jan 2024, further clarification sought from HQIP on cause for concern to be able to discuss with the subgroup/Advisory group. There are also additional queries on small numbers, which are being collated and then NAIF team will review how to align with the HQIP guidance.

**2.1 Outcome measures**

Occupied bed days

Analgesia prescribed

**2.2 Process measures**

Fall risks assessment:

- Documentation of multi-factorial assessment to optimise safe activity (MASA) - 6 assessments:
  1. Vision assessment
  2. Lying/Standing blood pressure
  3. Medication review
  4. Delirium assessment
  5. Mobility assessment
  6. Continence assessment

Post-fall management:

- Checked for injury and injury suspected
- Safe method of moving from the floor for hip fractures
- Medical examination within 30 minutes of the fall

## 2.3 Organisational measures

- Use of falls screening tools
- Processes for assessing the gap between actual and reported falls
- Audit on the clinical appropriateness of bedrails
- Availability of flat lifting equipment
- Access to written information about fall prevention
- Regular fall prevention training for staff made mandatory
- Executive and non-executive director with specific roles/responsibilities for falls prevention
- Multi-disciplinary working group for falls prevention
- Policy on the availability of walking aids for newly admitted patients
- Occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over
- Age profile of occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over
- Sex profile of occupied bed days for patients aged 16 and over
- Total number of reported falls in inpatients aged 16 and over in all specialties excluding maternity
- Total number of falls leading to severe harm/death in inpatients aged 16 and over in all specialties excluding maternity
- Number of falls that resulted in severe harm or death that included hip fractures

## 2.4 Patient reported outcome measures

Not currently collected

## 2.5 Patient reported experience measures

Not currently collected

## 2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of evidence (select all that apply)

NICE clinical guideline; NICE quality standard; Professional society

## 2.6b Evidence supplemental information

NICE Quality Standard 86 statements 2, 4, 5 and 6

NICE Clinical Guideline 249

NICE Clinical Guideline 124

NHS [Consultation on guidance on the safe use of bed rails](#)

RCP [FallSafe measurement of under-reporting.grid](#)

NHS England [Essential care after an inpatient fall](#)

NHS England, Patient Safety First – [Implementing human factors in healthcare](#)

## 3.1 Results visualisation

Annual report; Patient report; Interactive online portal (run charts available)

## 3.2a Levels of reporting\*

National; Trust or health board; Hospital or specialist unit; Integrated care system (ICS)

## 3.3 Timeliness of results feedback

Within 24 hours; Within 3 months; Within 1 year

## 3.4 Link to dynamic reporting\*

<https://www.fffap.org.uk/fffap/naifrep.nsf/charts/KPIsDashboard>

<b>4.01 2023/24 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*</b>	01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023
<b>4.02 2024/25 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*</b>	01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024
<b>4.03 2025/26 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*</b>	01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025
<b>4.10 Dataset #1 name</b>	National Audit of Inpatient Falls
<b>4.11 Dataset #1 type</b>	Clinical audit
<b>4.12 Dataset #1 population coverage*</b>	All eligible patients
<b>4.13 Dataset #1 items collected (n)</b>	42
<b>4.14 Dataset #1 items from existing national datasets (n)</b>	0
<b>4.15 Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets</b>	Other; Hospital episode statistics (HES); Office for National Statistics (ONS)
<b>4.16 Dataset #1 specification</b>	V6 dataset (2025 data) is available <a href="#">here</a> . V6a dataset (for 2026 data) is available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>4.20 Dataset #2 name</b>	Not applicable
<b>4.30 Dataset #3 name</b>	Not applicable
<b>4.40 Dataset #4 name</b>	Not applicable
<b>5.00 When was your healthcare quality improvement plan (referred to as a QI Plan) last reviewed? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).</b>	15/01/2024
<b>5.10 When were your clinical performance</b>	13/10/2025

indicators (referred to as metrics) signed off by funders? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP template and naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).

**5.11 Please add the hyperlink to where your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) are published on your project website.\***

<https://www.fffap.org.uk/fffap/naifrep.nsf/charts/KPIsDashboard>

**5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)\***

November 2023

**5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)\***

October 2024

**5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)\***

October 2025

**5.23 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2026)\***

October 2026

**6.0 Please add the most recent date that you have reviewed and updated an online version of UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your project's website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).**

17/11/2025

**6.1 Please add a hyperlink to UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).\***

<https://www.rcp.ac.uk/improving-care/national-clinical-audits/falls-and-fragility-fracture-audit-programme-fffap/fffap-data-processing-statements/>

**Files**

20240322 Metrics FFFAP NAIF.xlsx

FFFAP healthcare improvement strategy 2023-26v FINAL.docx