**Data from the National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD) Anaesthesia Sprint Audit of Practice (ASAP)**

**Making clinical audit data transparent**

In his transparency and open data letter to Cabinet Ministers on 7 July 2011, the Prime Minister made a commitment to make clinical audit data available from the national audits within the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme. This data will be released in an open and standardised format for the first time in December 2011, and provided annually from then onwards.

Covering all NHS Trusts in England, NHFD audit data includes information about data completeness, case-mix, care, and outcome measures. The data is available in a pdf format in the National Hip Fracture Database Anaesthesia Sprint Audit of Practice (ASAP) 2014 report.

**What information is being made available?**

* Hospital-level data on anaesthetic technique and adherence to Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) standards

The data also documents audit participation by hospital and data completeness for the key fields. The data does not include details of individual patients or any patient identifiable data.

**Using and interpreting the data**

Data from the NHFD requires careful interpretation, and the information should not be looked at in isolation when assessing standards of care.

Data is provided by every hospital with a trauma unit in England who elected to participate in the Anaesthesia Sprint Audit of Practice (ASAP) and contributed 80% of more of their operative cases to the study.

Cells containing \* contained data in the range 1-5 and are redacted to avoid identification of individuals.

**Accessing the data**

The data are being made available on the data.gov website in CSV format. Hospitals are identified by name and by a three letter hospital code.

**What does the data cover?**

The data documents levels of completion of the dataset submitted to the ASAP; and measures at hospital level compliance with defined clinical standards for hip fracture anaesthesia. Details of these standards can be found in the ASAP report (available for download from nhfd.co.uk) or from the AAGBI website aagbi.org

**What period does the data cover?**

Data was extracted from the NHFD database in September 2013, and covers patients with hip fracture operated between May 1st 2013 and 31st July 2013.