The national **P**eri-**O**perative **D**iamorphine **S**hortage: an organisational and individual anaesthetist survey of practice **(PODS)**.

Information & Governance and local audit department application guidance

What is the aim of this project?

The aim of this survey is to understand the impact of reduced diamorphine availability on anaesthesia practice in non-obstetrics patients for postoperative pain management in UK. The survey consists of two parts – part one is for completion by acute pain lead or clinical lead and part two is to be completed by consultant anaesthetists. We have divided the UK into various clusters according to region/ deanery and will be collecting data accordingly to ascertain the regional differences in response to the diamorphine shortage. We want to be able to identify any variation and from this identify key quality indicators and areas to focus quality improvement.

Is this research?

As this is a survey and it does not involve any randomisation, intervention or changes to patients' care it is not considered to be research by the NHS. For these reasons, research ethics committee (REC) approval is not required. Registration with your local audit department is not a requirement from us, however if it is a requirement for you locally, you should do so. We are happy to assist with the registration process if required.

What type of data is collected?

This project collects operational/service level data and anonymous data from individual anaesthetists pertaining to adult (>18 years) non-obstetric peri-operative pain management. No patient or clinical identifiable data is collected. Hospital details will only be used to determine if there are any regional differences and hospitals or trusts will be not be identifiable in any future publications.

What is the timeframe for this project?

We plan to launch this pocket project in June 2024, with the hope that sites will complete the survey within 4 weeks.

What information governance or regulatory approvals are required?

No information governance or regulatory approvals are required, as no patient identifiable data or sensitive information is being collected. You should however register this project with your local audit department and have a consultant supervisor within your department if it is a requirement at your site.

How is data submitted?

Data will be entered by local collaborators into electronic data collection forms on the secure web-based encrypted application requiring multi-factor authentication (MFA), NHS.net Microsoft forms.

Will the audit department at my hospital need to assist in any way?

No. There is no requirement from your local audit department for identification of patients, retrieval of notes, proforma design, data analysis, presentation or project advice. As previously mentioned, they may require that you register the project locally, however this is not a requirement from us.

Where is data stored?

Data will be stored on Microsoft OneDrive via Microsoft Forms which is a secure web based encrypted application requiring multi-factor authentication (MFA), linked to a NHS.net account for managing online surveys and databases.

Who will have access to the data?

The data submitted will be seen and analysed by the PainTrain UK Team. IT systems in use have various levels of security inbuilt including ID password security. Data will be stored on a password-protected systems to prevent unauthorised users gaining access. When the data has been analysed reports will be shared for the purposes of academic publication. All information shared will be aggregated results and not individual hospital findings. No individual hospital data will be available to anyone outside the study team.