



## The National Clinical Audit for Specialist Rehabilitation Following Major Injury

### Why have you received this leaflet?

The trauma or rehabilitation unit where you will receive healthcare is taking part in **The National Clinical Audit for Specialist Rehabilitation Following Major Injury (NCASRI)**. The audit is set up to improve the care of people who have specialist rehabilitation following major injury. People who receive specialist care can expect to improve their functional outcomes, and the audit helps hospitals to make these improvements. This leaflet tells you about the audit and the information collected from you.

### What is the National Clinical Audit for Specialist Rehabilitation following major Injury?

A clinical audit is a quality improvement process which aims to understand and improve patient care. The NCASRI is led by London North West Healthcare NHS Trust together with its partners, The Trauma Audit and Research Network Manchester, and King's College London. Clinical engagement is achieved through the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine.

The audit analyses data to provide information on the units' standard of clinical care and patient outcomes. This allows hospitals to know where they are doing well, as well as highlight areas that they can improve.

### What information is collected on me?

The NCASRI collects information about the trauma and rehabilitation care you have whilst in hospital. Only information related to your care is collected.

The data are stored confidentially and include

- the length of hospital stay and type of injury
- the need for rehabilitation nursing and therapy, and
- the outcome measures, as suitable to the individual improvement during rehabilitation

The NCASRI also collects personal details such as age and gender. The audit wishes to collect two other personal details about you –

### **NHS/national patient number and date of birth.**

The audit will use your NHS number and date of birth to link information that is collected from your rehabilitation and trauma services. Once your information has been linked, your NHS number and date of birth are removed. So, all your information is then **anonymous**.

**Please read this leaflet carefully.**



## How will your information be used?

By capturing this information we will be able to:

- Help define trauma patients who need specialist rehabilitation to get back to normal life
- Help identify trauma patients who have received specialist rehabilitation or patients who haven't received specialist rehabilitation although they were referred to specialist rehabilitation
- Link patients' discharge/transfers from any hospital which enables us to create a diagram where people are in the system
- Invite patients to take part in any subsequent feedback process so that patient satisfaction can be assessed

The NCASRI does not require you to have any extra clinical tests. It does not affect the care you receive and it uses only information routinely collected by hospital staff. It does not collect information on any care that does not relate to your trauma and rehabilitation care.

The audit only publishes reports describing the care received by groups of similar patients in terms of their complexity and needs for care. It does not publish information on individuals, and your personal details will not be made public. All the reports are available on the NCASRI website.

The information collected by NCASRI is used :

- To produce information on the quality of care received by patients having specialist rehabilitation in NHS hospitals.
- To provide patients with information about trauma and rehabilitation services at different hospitals, such as what types of rehabilitation work best for which individuals
- To help plan and develop NHS services

The audit team is also sometimes asked to support research to improve treatments. The information in the audit database is only used for scientific research after it has been made anonymous. Your personal details will not be passed onto researchers.

## How will your information be kept safe?

Information is collected by a member of staff on paper and stored electronically on a computer. We follow tight rules about how the data are stored in a secure environment and that it is only made available to appropriate staff. The NCASRI follows the laws on the protection of personal data.

## Further information

If you would like more information about audit, please ask your rehabilitation team. You can also email [LNWH-tr.ukroc@nhs.net](mailto:LNWH-tr.ukroc@nhs.net) or visit the NCASRI website at:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/lsm/research/divisions/cicelysaunders/about/rehabilitation/National-Clinical-Audit-.aspx>