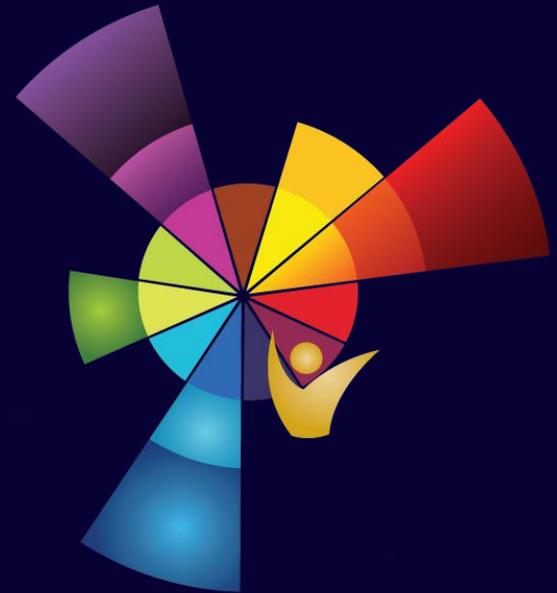


# Improving care through national audit

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# Sharing the Learning

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# How to get improvement and assurance from

## NCA participation

- Framework for NCA
  - participation
  - reporting / findings
  - action planning
  - monitoring improvement

# Participation

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- Identify
  - HQIP QA web page
- Allocate
  - MD /Assistant MD notifies divisional management of relevant NCAs
  - Clinical Audit Lead keeps the division informed of key requirements and dates

# Divisional Quality Governance Leads

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- Each NCA has a designated audit lead (senior clinician) responsible for coordinating participation, ensuring data quality, reviewing the audit report and driving improvement.
- Registration is completed and data submitted in line with the deadlines set by the audit supplier.
- Any issues that may result in non-participation are addressed within the Division.
- Any issues that may result in non-participation that cannot be resolved within the Division are immediately escalated to the CE Committee.

# Reporting

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- Trust level mortality data is presented at the Mortality Monitoring Committee
- All NCAs are subject to review with the aim of identifying any areas in which clinical and/or process improvements can be made, and taking action to address these.
- The Clinical Effectiveness Department produces an executive summary for each NCA report published.
  - Executive summary
  - Headline data slide

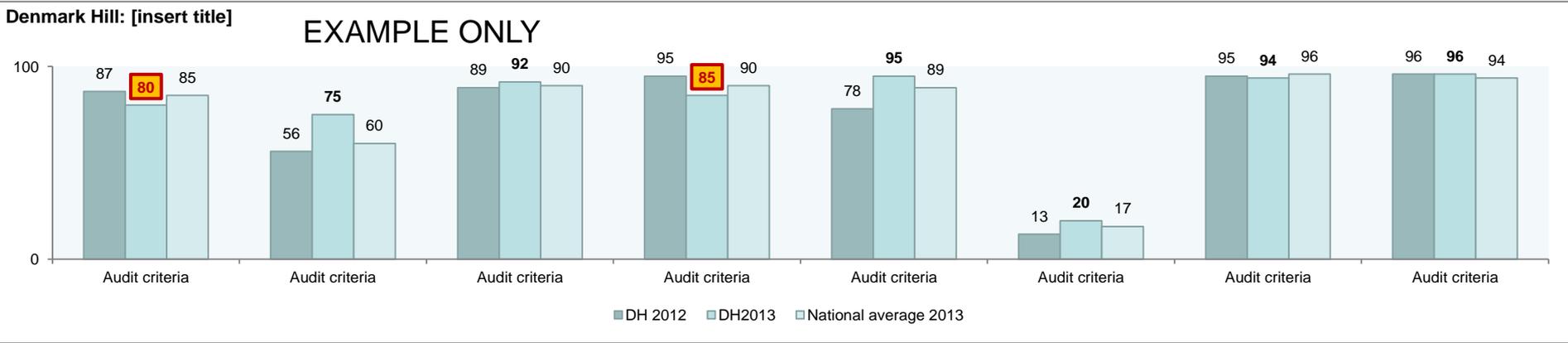
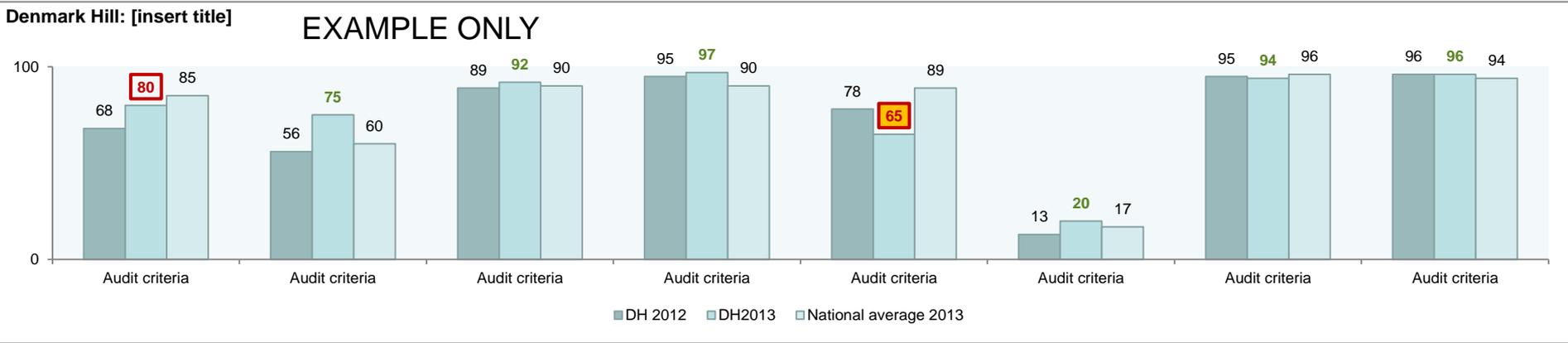
- Executive summary & headline data to the CEC within 4 – 6 weeks of publication

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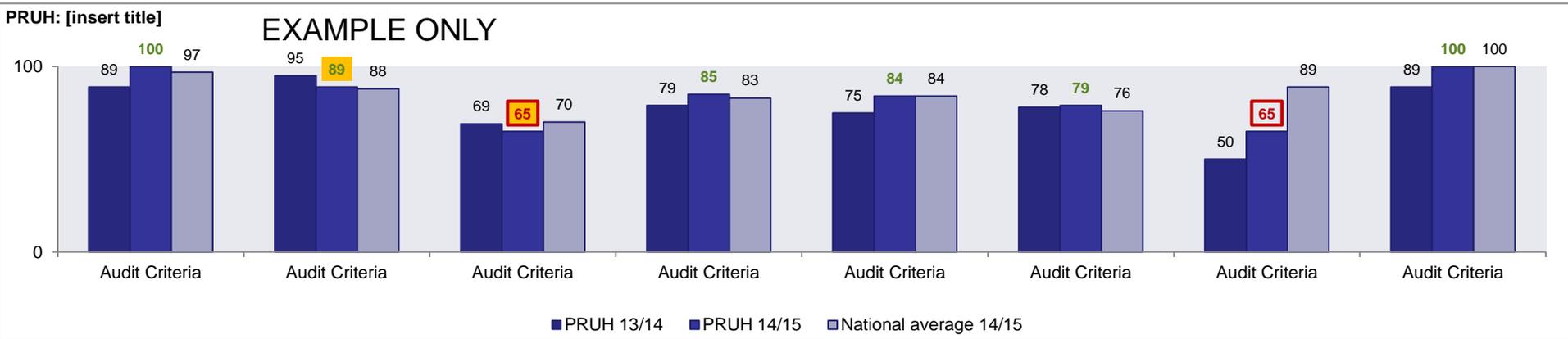
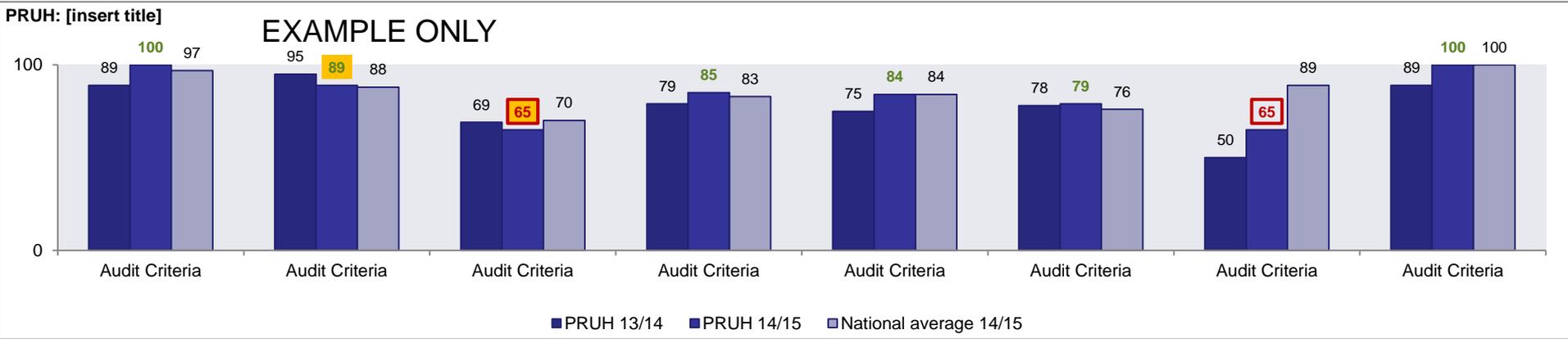
- Have sight of the data at the earliest opportunity.
- Query areas of low compliance.
- Identify areas that require immediate attention.
- Review actions already agreed and suggest additional actions, as required.
- Request further feedback from the Division

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# Trust Level Reporting

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The NCA headline results and key actions are reported to the:

- Patient Outcomes Committee
- Quality and Governance Committee
- Board of Directors
- Commissioners

# Action Planning

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- Developed by clinical audit lead, or other senior clinician delegated by the Division/specialty, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders
- Monitored by Divisional Quality Governance Committee
- Reviewed by relevant trust level committee
- Escalation – Patient Outcomes Committee

# CAST (Commercial Aviation Safety Team) model

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- Complicated action plan with multiple options for improvement - Prioritise actions
- Using a seven point scale actions are rated on two aspects –
  - how effective will the action be?
  - how strongly do staff believe the action can be implemented in their work setting?
- The scores are multiplied (so the highest possible rating is 49) and the actions with the highest score get priority for implementation.

# Action Priority Matrix



# Medical and Surgical Clinical Outcome Review Programme

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- Current supplier; NCEPOD (National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome & Death)
- Critical examination by appropriate specialists of medical and surgical clinical topic areas, using anonymised case note review methodology
- Quality of care, organisational features
- Recommendations
- Local audit toolkits to help support local action planning
- Local reporters, audit staff & clinicians in every Trust are critical to success
- <http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2014tc.htm>

## An audit of alcohol documentation in patients

### Recommendations

All patients presenting to hospital services should be screened for alcohol misuse. An alcohol history indicating the number of units drunk weekly drinking pattern, recent drinking behaviour, indicators of dependence and risk of withdrawal should be documented

*Within Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust all patients should have a screening tool completed asking patients about alcohol consumption*

All patients presenting to acute services with a history of potentially harmful drinking should be referred to alcohol support services for a comprehensive physical and mental assessment. The referral outcomes should be documented in the patient case notes.

*Within Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust patients who score over 7 should be referred to the alcohol liaison specialist nurse who will undertake a Severity of Alcohol dependency Questionnaire.*

## **Patients having alcohol screening**

- A&E: 44% to 74%
- Inpatients: 86% to 93%

## **No of patients scoring over 7 using screening tool**

- 10 to 34

## **No of patients referred to alcohol liaison specialist**

- 7 to 28

## **Overall improvements**

- Training for all ward and A&E staff
- Champions on wards and in A&E
- Posters
- “Its everyones role”

*Poster submitted by; A.Owens, M.Smith, N.Taylor, K.Wooldridge, R.Burrows, K.McCall, B.McDaid*

## An audit/case note review of cardiac arrests on a cardio-respiratory unit

### Key issues

- Failure to recognise deteriorating patients
- Failure to involve senior clinicians
- Failure to make prompt and appropriate DNAR

### Findings

- **Senior Review;** Average time from last senior review to arrest was 29 hours (4-67)  
39% had no senior review in preceding 24 hours
- **Response to abnormal observations;** 50% of patients had MEWS of 3 or more prior to arrest of which 45% were not escalated appropriately
- **DNAR:** 54% of patients that arrested CPR was deemed inappropriate on Case note review in view of patients pre morbid state

- Introduction of a ward round checklist including a prompt to regularly review ceilings of care
- Introduction of monthly mortality review meetings in which all patients who have died are discussed with particular focus on ceilings of care and end of life decisions
- Introduction of w-end respiratory consultant reviews
- Run chart; Pre action plan 2-6 arrests, post 0-2

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# Questions/Comments?

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