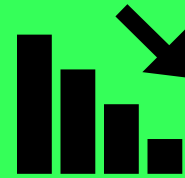


Within your organisation, would you like more or less national clinical audits? Our survey said...

1 62% of respondents stated 'less'

2 The main issue raised was the **burden** of national audit/s

3 Respondents highlighted the lack of NCAs for some key sectors



135 respondents answered this question in the CASC annual survey (December 2018). 62% of all respondents stated they wanted 'less' national audits. When focusing just on acute care replies, 70% stated they wanted 'less' national audits. 41% of respondents from mental health, community and ambulatory care wanted 'more' NCAs (i.e. 59% wanted 'less').



The main theme in response to this question was the current burden of national audit. Comments included: 'reduce the burden of data collection', 'fewer and more focused [NCAs]', 'we have too many NCAs to complete in the hospital', 'national audits are massively time consuming', 'there needs to be quite a cull of them', 'many of the NCAs are trying to cover too much', etc.



The secondary theme from the free-text comments focused on the current imbalance in terms of sectors covered by NCAs. Comments included: 'hardly any relevant to Mental Health Trusts', 'need more in community sector', 'currently the focus of these projects is skewed towards Acute Trusts', 'would like to see more that focus on community and social sector', etc.