

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

**1** 68% 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



100 respondents answered this question in the CASC annual survey (Nov/Dec 2019). 68% of all respondents stated they wanted 'less' national audits (up from 62% on the previous year). When focusing just on acute care replies, 78% stated they wanted 'less' NCAs (up from 70%). 59% of respondents from mental health, community and partnership wanted more NCAs (up from 41%).



The main theme in response to this question was (as in 2018) the current burden of national audit. Comments included: 'as acute trust we have far too many', 'acute trusts are over burdened', 'I work in a hospital... we have millions of NCAs. Burden is ridiculous', 'our clinicians are drowning in national clinical audit', etc. It is clear that many in acute sector see the NCA burden as too much.



The secondary theme from comments focused on the current imbalance in terms of sectors covered by NCAs (same as in 2018!). Comments included: 'most NCAs are tailored to acute settings', 'I work in MH. Very few relevant national audits', 'current bias towards acute hospitals'. Many of our survey respondents clearly want a more balanced / equitable national programme.