

REducing unwarranted variation in the Delivery of high qUality hip fraCture services in England and Wales

3rd Core Investigators' Meeting held on 15th July 2020

Next Core Investigators' Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th October 2020

Update on progress so far:

WP1 - Quantitative work package

- ❖ Timeline - WP still in line with plans. Health Economics analysis due to start in 2021
- ❖ Permissions and approvals - PEDW, HQIP and FFFAP NHFD approvals in place; awaiting NHS Digital review. Expecting data in 4-8 weeks
- ❖ Expert and panel reviews and consensus to prioritise key parameters from organisational datasets completed
- ❖ ROS abstract submitted 'To what extent does achievement of the best practice tariff explain between-hospital variation in hip fracture outcomes?' awaiting review

WP2 - Qualitative work package

- ❖ Study applications submitted to University of Bristol Health Sciences Faculty Research Ethics Committee (FREC); Health Research Authority (HRA); and for inclusion on NIHR Clinical Research Network Portfolio – awaiting approval
- ❖ Topic guides for qualitative interviews have been refined using feedback from PPI and study team, to be piloted in October
- ❖ Analysis of British Orthopaedic Association reports underway



Snapshot from the July Core Investigators' Meeting

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The first remote PPI sessions were carried out in June and July and focused on getting patient feedback on the qualitative work package (WP2) in preparation for ethics submission. We now have four patients, with experience of osteoporosis and hip fracture. Patient feedback on important aspects of care emphasized:

- ❖ Communication with families and carers (especially in the case of elderly or confused patients), patients themselves, and between specialties in hospital (in particular when dealing with comorbidities)
- ❖ The importance of being consistently supported and informed throughout the care pathway (especially following discharge from hospital)
- ❖ Patient fears around Covid-19 were also discussed including:
 - Impact on standard of care
 - Fear of infection in hospital
 - Whether families would be able to participate in post-op care /recovery
- ❖ The next remote sessions are planned for mid-August and will focus on priority ranking outcomes for WP1 analysis, and the impact of Covid-19 on patient priorities

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