

# Appendix I: Aims of the NNAP

The key aims of the NNAP are to:

assess whether babies admitted to neonatal units receive consistent high-quality care in relation to the NNAP audit measures that are aligned to a set of professionally agreed guidelines and standards

identify areas for quality improvement in neonatal units in relation to the delivery and outcomes of care.

The overarching quality improvement objectives of the NNAP are to:

reduce unit and network level variation through benchmarking, outlier identification and management, sharing best practice and quality improvement examples, and signposting to resources available in the wider neonatal care system

nationally, to seek to reach agreed standards for process measures where care currently falls below those standards

report outcome measures e.g. mortality, necrotising enterocolitis, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, infection and brain injury in very preterm infants, and their variation between units and networks

collaborate with other audits in developing and delivering the NNAP to improve neonatal care and adapt to new quality improvement priorities.