Dear Colleague

Welcome to the second newsletter for the NRAD. This newsletter will be produced approximately every 3-6 months and is aimed at keeping you up to date with the status of the project, to give additional details, or to answer any frequently asked questions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the project and continued support and input.

If you have any additional questions about the project after reading this newsletter, please contact us using the contact either Rosie Houston or Rachael Davey via:

Email: nrad.rcplondon.ac.uk or
Telephone: +44 (0)20 3075 1500 or 1522
Or please see our website for further information:
Web: www.rcplondon.ac.uk/nrad

Call for panel assessors

We are currently looking for professionals who have an interest in respiratory medicine to be panel assessors (e.g. consultants, GPs, respiratory nurses). Panel assessors must currently be in clinical practice or have retired within the previous five years. Please go to www.rcplondon.ac.uk/nrad for further information on the role and how you can apply.

Panel dates

We have started to schedule panel dates to take place between June 2012 and September 2013. All panels in 2012 are currently full but there is still some availability in 2013.

London 2013
- Tuesday 30 April
- Friday 5 July
- Thursday 20 June
- Tuesday 17 September
- Thursday 27 June
- Wednesday 18 September

Manchester 2013
- Wednesday 20 March
- Wednesday 12 June
- Tuesday 14 May

Newcastle 2013
- Tuesday 26 February

Edinburgh 2013
- Tuesday 23 April
- Wednesday 11 September

Please email us if you are already an assessor and would like to information us of your availability.

Next steps for panel assessors

A panel assessor training day has been organised for 31 May 2012. If you would like to reserve a place on this please email us. If you are unable to attend the 31 May another training day will be scheduled to take place before the end of the year.

To receive regular updates on the project
Please email your contact details to nrad@rcplondon.ac.uk. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list please click here.
Travel and travel expenses
Travel expenses (in accordance with RCP travel policy) for training days and panel meetings will be available to assessors unable to claim travel expenses from their employing NHS trust. Please contact the dedicated RCP travel agent, Supersonic Travel, to book travel quoting NRAD and the date of the event as the reference on 020 7240 2552 or email simon@supersonictravel.biz.

Map of current assessors
Please find below a map showing the current spread of assessors across the UK.

To see a full size version of this map please click here.

Respiratory update

Obtaining outcome data on asthma management: the UK National Review of Asthma Deaths
Levy ML

Risk factors for childhood asthma deaths from the UK Eastern Region Confidential Enquiry 2001-2006
Anagnostou K, Harrison B, Iles R, Nasser S

None-adherence in difficult asthma: time to take it seriously
Heaney L, Horne R

Secondary care – local coordinators
In order for us to catch as many of these deaths as possible we have identified ‘local coordinators’ within each of the UK NHS trusts to support the project. If you would like to know who has already been nominated from your trust please email nrad@rcplondon.ac.uk.

Primary Care
Deaths within the community are going to be particularly challenging to capture. In order for the NRAD to achieve the maximum level of notification possible we would value the support of the UK’s GPs and their practices. All documentation is available on the RCP website and we would very much appreciate if GPs could use this to notify us of their asthma deaths www.rcplondon.ac.uk/nrad.

Please note:
The NRAD has received approval from the National Information Governance Board (NIGB) to collect patient identifiable information without consent, under Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006. Reference ECC 8-02(FT2)/2011.

The NRAD now appears on the Quality Accounts list for 2012-2013.

Meet the team
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Please circulate this newsletter to your colleagues. Other raising awareness materials are available from www.rcplondon.ac.uk/nrad

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