

**Vacancy:**

**Surgical Lead for the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit**

The National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) are seeking to appoint a Surgical Lead to work on a high-profile national audit. NELA is part of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP), overseen by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) and funded by NHS England and the Welsh Government.

The successful candidate will gain exposure to national research and quality improvement programmes, opportunities for academic publication and conference presentations and develop leadership and management skills. The post will commence as soon as possible, but no later than 11th November 2024.

The aim of NELA is to enable the improvement of the quality of care for patients undergoing emergency laparotomy through the provision of high-quality comparative data from all providers of emergency laparotomy. The Royal College of Anaesthetist’s Centre for Research and Improvement is delivering NELA. NELA is a collaboration between anaesthetic, surgical and other key stakeholders.

**Role**

The postholder’s responsibilities will include providing a surgical perspective for the audit, data analysis, report and manuscript writing, supporting quality improvement work and presentations at local/regional/national meetings. He/she will provide timely surgical assistance and advice to the NELA Helpdesk for audit queries generated by participating units. He/she will be expected to attend NELA Project Team meetings as well as additional meetings related to data analysis, quality improvement, report preparation and other meetings as required. Travel expenses for these meetings and all work related to NELA will be reimbursed.

The postholder will also be involved in reviewing requests for data access and supervision of trainee NELA anaesthetic and surgical fellows.

There is no direct payment available for this role. The post is supported by the cost of one period of professional activity (1 PA) per week, back-filled to the post-holder's employing organisation, in order to enable the successful candidate to dedicate a minimum of four hours per week to the role.

The postholder shall report to, and have their performance monitored by, the RCoA’s Director of Clinical Quality and Research.

We are seeking to appoint the Surgical Lead until 30th November 2025, with the option to extend based on contract extension.

NELA are looking to appoint a new Surgical Lead as Miss Lyndsay Pearce has recently been appointed Chair of NELA.

**Person Specification**

This post is open to a holder of a substantive consultant post in General Surgery or a related surgical discipline. Successful applicants will have substantive knowledge of data and research governance. Successful applicants will have excellent organisational skills, senior experience of emergency laparotomy and an interest in surgical service improvement.

A full job description can be found here: <https://rcoa.ac.uk/media/44001>

**For further information regarding the role please contact:**

* Miss Lyndsay Pearce, Incoming Chair and current Surgical Lead, National Emergency Laparotomy Audit ([lyndsay.pearce@nca.nhs.uk](mailto:lyndsay.pearce@nca.nhs.uk))
* Ms Christine Taylor – NELA Project Manager ([ctaylor@rcoa.ac.uk](mailto:ctaylor@rcoa.ac.uk))

**How to apply:**

If you are interested in this post, **please send a CV with contact details for two referees, a covering letter and a letter of support from your current Clinical Director/Medical Director confirming that you have the support of your Trust and that the role can be adequately accommodated within your job plan**, to the following email address:

[ctaylor@rcoa.ac.uk](mailto:ctaylor@rcoa.ac.uk)

**Closing date for applications: 21st October 2024**

**Interview date: 30th October 2024**