

**Vacancy:**

**Nurse/AHP Lead for the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit**

The National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) are seeking to appoint a Nurse/AHP 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 1st March 2025.

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 overall nursing/AHP leadership and direction to the NELA project. He/she will provide oversight to a national MDT network, support nurse/AHP development within the audit, supervise fellows as appropriate, and contribute to relevant queries received through the NELA helpdesk. 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.

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 Nurse/AHP Lead until 30th November 2025, with the option to extend based on contract extension.

**Person Specification**

This post is open to a registered nurse or allied health professional working at a senior level within a healthcare organisation. Successful applicants will have demonstrable engagement with NELA at a local level. Successful applicants will be approachable, hardworking, and have a natural aspiration to further develop NELA.

A full job description can be found here: <https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/about-us/current-vacancies>

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

* Miss Lyndsay Pearce, NELA Chair ([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 service lead/line manager confirming that you have the support of your Trust/Health Board 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: 5pm, Friday, 14th February 2025**

**Interview date: TBC**