SECURE

Service Evaluation of Cross-Specialty
UK Rapid Sequence Intubation Events

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To whomever this may concern,

Re: SECURE – Service Evaluation of Cross-Specialty UK Rapid sequence intubation (RSI) Events

I would like to confirm that SECURE as a project has been designed, registered and will be delivered as a service evaluation.

Overview

The SECURE service evaluation will be running across the UK in 2026. The study aim is to characterise in-hospital RSIs in adults across NHS hospitals (study sites). SECURE will consist of three distinct elements: a Site Survey (March) of RSI-related resources, an Activity Survey (14 days in April-May) of actual observed RSI practice by intubating teams, and a Vignettes-based Survey (June) of self-reported RSI practice by individual practitioners across a variety of hypothetical clinical scenarios.

Collaborators

SECURE is a resident-delivered project, led by RAFT (Research and Audit Federation of Anaesthetists in Training) in collaboration with Severn Trainee Anaesthetic Research (STAR) group, endorsed by the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCOA), Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM), National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia (NIAA), the Difficult Airway Society (DAS), and Society for Intravenous Anaesthesia. The project is

being delivered in collaboration with the Emergency Medicine Airway Registry (EMAR) and Emergency Medicine / Intensive Care resident research networks (TERN / TRIC).

Design

This project is designed and designated as a service evaluation on the recommendation of the NHS Health Research Authority (HRA) – ethical approval is not required. No patient identifiable data will be collected (as per HRA definitions), and there will be no direct patient contact or change to patient care in any way. No patient consent will be sought as this is a service evaluation. The design of each survey has been carefully considered to ensure it meets all criteria as a service evaluation.

Delivery

Patient data captured will be entered directly into an electronic data capture form and will not be traceable back to any patient. Data will be entered electronically by local teams of resident doctors and stored on a secure central server. Local data entry teams will not have access to data once it has been submitted. Any Trust-related service data will be kept fully non-identifiable when/if reported in the public arena.

Approvals

Based on the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) online tool, the project does not require CAG approval (England and Wales). We have discussed SECURE with the eDRIS Team at Public Health Scotland, who have confirmed that the project does not require Public Benefit and Privacy Panel (PBPP) approval in Scotland. In Northern Ireland, the Privacy Advisory Committee (PAC) has agreed that the project can proceed following the sign-off of a data sharing agreement.

Registration

The study sponsor site is University Hospitals Bristol and Weston (UHBW) NHS Trust, and SECURE has received Information Governance department approval from the Sponsor Site. Approval from the Caldicott Guardian at the sponsor site was obtained. This project does not require R&D review, but evidence of registration with the audit or

service evaluation departments at all study sites will be required prior to commencing the project.

Delivery

All elements of delivery are designed to ensure clinical and information governance policies are strictly adhered to. This includes mandating that sites do not share any patient-identifiable information, and no patient related data is stored locally.

Summary

This is a service evaluation that does not require registration with R&D, but does require registration with departmental audit/clinical governance/service evaluation departments.

Please do not hesitate to contact the central study team should you require any further information (secure@das.uk.com).

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