

Do you know how well your hospital delivers heart care?

You can check out how well your local hospital delivers heart care to its patients by looking at the results of the National Cardiac Audit Programme*.

These are freely available on the website of the National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (NICOR) www.nicor.org.uk



The National Cardiac Audit Programme produces several reports every year.

The main report summarises key findings. A Patient, Carer and Public report, written by patients and caregivers, provides a patient perspective, and there are several reports on different heart conditions and their treatment:

- Congenital heart disease (including heart surgery and other procedures for children)
- Heart attack care
- Stents and angioplasty
- Heart surgery in adults
- Heart failure
- Heart rhythm abnormalities
- Several non-surgical heart procedures:
 - Aortic valve procedures
 - Mitral and tricuspid valve procedures
 - Left atrial appendage procedures
 - Procedures to close a small hole in the heart
- Cardiac rehabilitation.

These reports are derived from data sent by hospitals to NICOR. The data are sent without patient consent, as permitted by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care after a recommendation from the Health Research Authority. For the audit purposes, NICOR is exempt from the National Data Opt-Out legislation, although this exemption does not apply for research purposes. You can find more details about this on the NICOR website, especially on the [Patients and Carers page](#)** . There is also a Patient Information Leaflet and a Privacy Statement.

If you have any specific questions on any of the above reports, you can contact the programme at:

nicor.auditenquiries@nhs.net

[Additional Patient Information Leaflet](#)**

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Help shape the future of heart care

The National Cardiac Audit Programme wants to hear from patients and caregivers, about their experience living with these heart conditions.

Your insight and opinions are invaluable and will help shape the design, outputs and impact of the reports (which will directly influence how care and treatments will be offered to heart patients in the future).

Here's how you can get involved:



Share Your Views:

Participate in surveys and let us know what you think. Your opinions matter and can lead to real changes.



Join the Virtual Patient Panel (VPP):

Share your feedback and views online. It's easy and flexible, and your input will help improve heart care for everyone.



Join the Community Representative Group (CRG): Be a leader in patient and public activities. Share your experiences and ideas to help shape heart care. The Chair of this group has personal experience with heart disease, so your voice will be heard and valued.

Contact us at nicor.auditenquiries@nhs.net to get involved.



Patients and Carers page - <https://www.nicor.org.uk/patient-and-carers>

Additional Patient Information Leaflet - <https://www.nicor.org.uk/devuret/2025/04/20250425-NICOR-Patient-and-Public-Information-Leaflet-v4-Approved.pdf>

NICOR Privacy Statement - <https://www.nicor.org.uk/devuret/2025/08/20250716-NICOR-Privacy-Notice-v6-approved.pdf>

Together we can
make a difference,
now and for future
generations of
people living with
heart disease

Thank you.

