CASE NOTE REVIEWERS REQUIRED
NCEPOD study on Physical Health in Mental Health Hospitals study

NCEPOD is undertaking a new study to investigate variation and remediable factors in the processes of delivering physical health care to adult patients admitted as an inpatient to a mental health facility.

There is a 10 to 20-year mortality gap for those living with serious mental illness which continues to widen and requires multiple system changes to address it. Inpatient care provides one opportunity to identify and support the physical health needs of those who are most unwell but we know that the provision for physical health is not always what it should be. The findings from this study will form the basis of a national report with recommendations for clinical staff and organisations to improve the provision and quality of healthcare for these patients.

We are looking for clinicians with a keen interest in this area to join our panel of case reviewers for the study. We will be recruiting from a range of specialties, including (but not exclusive to) psychiatry, acute and general medicine, emergency medicine, mental health pharmacy, general nursing (including critical care), mental health nursing, care of the elderly, surgery, anaesthesia, gastroenterology and dietetics.

Case reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and provide expert opinion on the care patients receive. You would typically be required to attend 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. Case review meetings were planned to begin in June 2020 (and run for approximately 6 months) however due to the coronavirus outbreak, we have re-scheduled the meetings to start in September (to be confirmed in due course).
A training day was planned for the end of April, but this has been cancelled because of the coronavirus outbreak. We will schedule a new Training day when we have more information.

We aim to recruit senior clinicians (ST6 and above) who are in current clinical practice.

Further information about this study including a copy of the study protocol can be found on the webpage:

https://www.ncepod.org.uk/phmh.html

If you are interested in acting as a case note reviewer for this study please email a copy of your CV to phmh@ncepod.org.uk The deadline for applications is Friday 13th March 2020*.

(*NB: update 1/4/2020 we have extended the deadline for applications indefinitely; we are still recruiting –especially physical health clinicians, so please get in touch if you are interested.)