

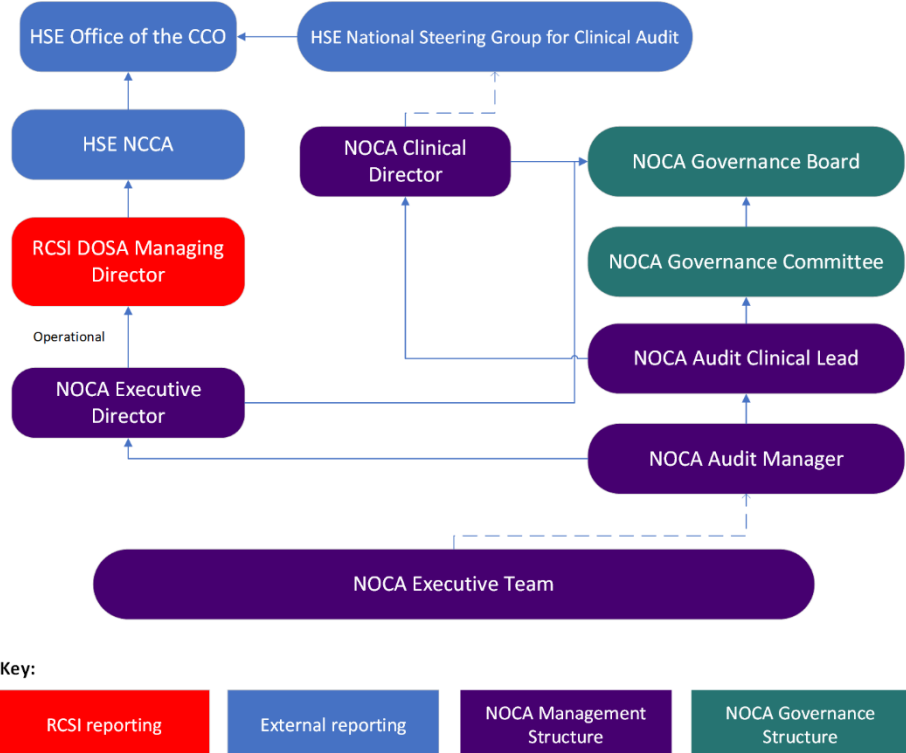
Statement of Purpose:

Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit

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Title	Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit
Year established	Data collection in the Republic of Ireland commenced 2009. Transferred to NOCA in February 2013.
Web address	https://www.noca.ie
Managing Organisation	National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)
Aim	The overall aim of the IPCCA is to improve critical care services provided to paediatric patients by measuring the quality of care and outcomes against predetermined standards, using data from the UK and the ROI as a whole as a benchmark.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure the quality of care in Children’s Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin and CHI at Temple Street, and benchmark them against other PCCUs across the UK. • Support the collection of high-quality data in line with HIQA standards on the epidemiology and complexity of care provided for each patient. This has the potential to link in with best practice tariffs reimbursement in the future. • Improve the quality of data for the Hospital Inpatient Enquiry by providing data on diagnosis and procedures arising while the patient is in PICU. • Support Irish and international research to enhance patient care. • Make recommendations based on validated data.
Overall function & Purpose	The IPCCA collects high quality data for the purpose of healthcare quality improvement, using data from the UK and Republic of Ireland as a whole as a benchmark. This is done in partnership with Paediatric Intensive Care Audit Network (PICANet) in England.
Target population	All children and young people accepted for referral, transported or admitted to designated paediatric critical care units (PCCUs) providing paediatric Level 3 Critical Care in Ireland. All children and young people admitted to adult ICUs across the Republic of Ireland.
Data providers	CHI at Crumlin CHI at Temple Street The Irish Paediatric Acute Transport Service (IPATS) PICANet Irish National ICU Audit (INICUA) - NOCA

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<p>Governance and Managing Structure</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR NOCA AUDITS</p>  <p>Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">RCSI reporting <li style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">External reporting <li style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">NOCA Management Structure <li style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; border-radius: 5px;">NOCA Governance Structure
<p>Legal basis</p>	<p>Service arrangements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 39 Health Act 2004 between Health Service Executive and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI): This sets out the administrative and operational management of NOCA including costs and deliverables per audit. 2. Section 38 Health Act 2004, (Schedule 2 – Quality and Safety), HSE Contract with Hospitals: NOCA is identified in HSE contracts as an entity with which hospitals should work. 3. NOCA has a data sharing agreement in place with PICANet and the participating hospitals.
<p>National Legislation & Standards</p>	<p>The National Clinical Audit complies with the following national legislation and standards;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection Act (2018) • HIQA National Standards for Information Management in Health and Social Care (2024) • HSE National Consent Policy (2024) • Patient Safety Act (2023) • Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland (2025) National Standards for Paediatric Critical Care Services Version 3.0
<p>International Legislation & Standards</p>	<p>IPCCA complies with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union General Data Protection Regulation ‘GDPR’ (2018). <p>IPCCA quality indicators:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case ascertainment and timeliness of data submission • Transport retrieval mobilization times • Mortality in PCCU – risk adjusted SMR • Unplanned extubations rates per 1,000 intubated days • Emergency readmissions within 48hours of discharge • Bed Occupancy • Out-of-hours discharge • Number of qualified nurses per critical care bed
Source of funding	NOCA is funded by HSE through the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) and the National Centre for Clinical Audit (NCCA).
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JFICMI (2025) *National Standards for Paediatric Critical Care Services Version 3.0*. Accessed at: <https://jficmi.anaesthesia.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/National-Standards-2025-final.pdf> (Accessed: 15/01/2026).