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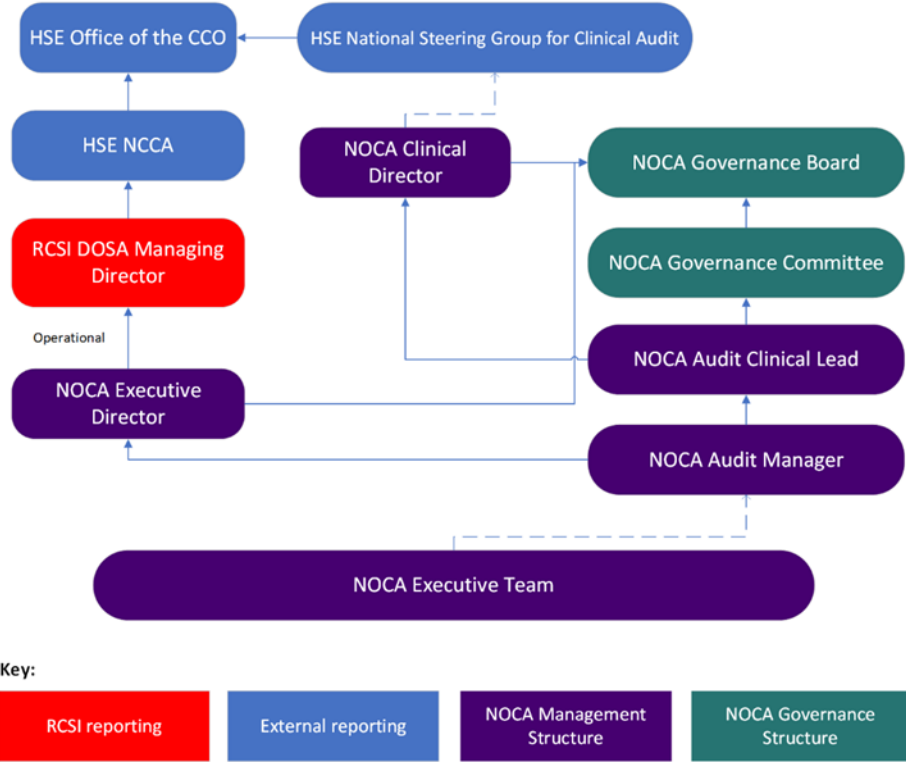
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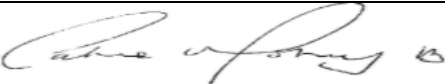
Title	Irish Potential Organ Donor Audit
Year established	2024
Web address	https://www.noca.ie
Managing Organisation	National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)
Aim	The aim of the Irish Potential Organ Donor Audit (IPODA) is to ensure that every person who is approaching the end of life in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Emergency Department (ED) is offered the possibility of becoming an organ donor, where this is appropriate.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantify the potential for organ donation in acute Irish hospitals. 2. Identify opportunities for improvement in organ donation and where in the patient journey these opportunities occur. 3. Identify reasons for non-donation outcome. 4. Systematically assess the degree to which best practice standards in organ donation are met.
Overall function & Purpose	The purpose of IPODA is to conduct an audit of all deaths with the aim of identifying all organ donation opportunities.
Target population	All people who die in ICU and the ED.
Data providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beaumont Hospital • St James Hospital • Mater Misericordiae University Hospital • Cork University Hospital • University Hospital Limerick • University Hospital Galway

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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: 5px;">RCSI reporting <li style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px;">External reporting <li style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px;">NOCA Management Structure <li style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px;">NOCA Governance Structure
<p>Legal basis</p>	<p>Service arrangements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 49 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 48 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
<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) • Department of Health (2025) <i>The Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Act 2024.</i> • Department of Health (2025). <i>Designated Family Member Guidelines: Human Tissue Act 2024 – Part 2</i> • HSE (2024). <i>ODTI Guideline on Contraindications to Organ Donation.</i> • HSE (2024). <i>ODTI Guideline on the minimum data set for donor referral.</i> • Intensive Care Society of Ireland (ICSI) (2024). <i>Donation after circulatory death: Guidelines. Version 2.</i>

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International Legislation & Standards	<p>The Irish Potential Donor Audit aligns with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union General Data Protection Regulation ‘GDPR’ (2018) • National Transplant Organization (ONT) (2011). <i>Good Practice Guidelines in the Process of Organ Donation</i>. • National Health Service (NHS) (n.d.). <i>Blood and Transplant Best Practice Guidance</i>. • Organ and Tissue Authority (2021). <i>Best Practice Guideline for Offering Organ and Tissue Donation in Australia</i>. • European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (2022). <i>Guide to the quality and safety of organs for transplantation</i>. • National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) (2016). <i>Organ donation for transplantation: improving donor identification and consent rates for deceased organ donation. Clinical guideline</i>. • Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine & Intensive Care Society (2026). <i>Guidelines for the Provision of Intensive Care Services</i>. • NHS Blood and Transplant (2025) <i>SOP5818/10 – Organ and Tissue Donation Consent Manual</i>.
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