



# TARN

THE TRAUMA AUDIT & RESEARCH NETWORK

Information Pack for Applicants

## MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT GROUP

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## 1. Making an Application

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Thank you for your interest in the appointment of a Member to the TARN Clinical Audit Group.

To make an application please send a short CV (1 side A4) and a supporting letter explaining why you are applying and what you will bring to the Group. Please email to:

[Maralyn.woodford@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Maralyn.woodford@manchester.ac.uk)

or post to Maralyn Woodford, TARN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Mayo Building, Salford Royal Foundation Trust, Stott Lane, Salford, M6 8HD

### 1.1 Applicants

Applicants should be Clinical Quality / Audit / Improvement / Governance professional

OR

Working as a Trauma Care Manager in a TU/MTC/Trauma Network

OR

An experienced trauma care Clinician working in a Trauma Unit

### 1.2 Supporting Letter

The supporting letter is an opportunity to demonstrate how you meet each of the criteria set out in the person specification. You should provide specific and detailed examples that demonstrate how your knowledge and experience matches each of the criteria.

Please ensure your full name and the position that you are applying for are clearly written at the top of each page.

### 1.3 Declaration of interests and ensuring public confidence

If you have any business or personal interests that might be relevant to the work of TARN and which could lead to a real or perceived conflict of interest were you to be appointed, please provide details in your supporting letter. Should you be successful in your application and there is anything in your professional history that, if brought into the public domain, may cause embarrassment or disrepute to the organisation please provide details in your supporting letter. Failure to disclose such information could result in an appointment being terminated.

### 1.4 CV

Please ensure that your CV includes:

- Your full name, telephone contact numbers (landline and mobile) and email address.
- Brief details of your current, or most recent, posts and dates you occupied these roles.

### 1.5 Indicative Timetable

- Advertisement : 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014
- Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

### 1.6 Key Facts

- Location: Most meetings are held in central Manchester, Salford Royal Foundation Trust or London
- Remuneration: Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to the full cost of a standard class fare (so first class travel purchased in advance with a total cost less than the full cost standard fare is permissible).

- Time commitment: Six days a year for Audit Group meetings, one day of preparation /reading, attendance at the annual TARN Focus Day.

## 2. The Trauma Audit & Research Network

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Major Trauma injury and care is the leading cause of death in those aged 1 to 40, accounting for almost 50% of deaths for that age group. There are 5,000 deaths in England each year of which over 3000 are after arrival at hospital. There are at least 11,000 patients suffering life-threatening injuries each year. There are around a further 23,000 cases which, although not meeting the precise definition of life-threatening trauma represent a serious single injury.

Previously, national reviews into Major Trauma care have found that the level of care for this group of patients has been poor. With the reports 'Trauma who Cares', by the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) in 2007 and 'Major Trauma Care in England' by the National Audit Office in 2010 highlighting on-going issues and variation in the quality of care delivered. They concluded that with better regional organisation and networks and consultant involvement, many of the deaths could be avoided. Since then there has been a number of achievements to date within England to embed best practice and to raise the standard of care to trauma patients.

This was achieved by the coordinated efforts including championing clinical leadership through the National Clinical Director, developments in inclusive trauma systems through trauma networks to provide comprehensive service of care that stretches from pre-hospital care to rehabilitation. The British Orthopaedic Association Standards for Trauma (BOAST) and the National Institute Clinical Excellence (NICE) have issued guidance on good quality care, and levers such as the Best Practice Tariff, CQUINs and Dashboards for Major Trauma has promoted and encouraged best practice treatment and management of trauma patients.

The Trauma Audit and Research Network (TARN) has enabled a system to benchmark practice through monitoring and publishing process measures, allowing on-going and continued appraisal and improvement for the system.

## 3. Role and Responsibilities of the TARN Clinical Audit Group Members

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**3.1 As a Member of the TARN Clinical Audit Group** you will be a trauma professional. You will be a TARN coordinator or a clinical audit/improvement/governance coordinator, or a trauma clinician or in a trauma-related management post and have:

- A good understanding of NHS systems
- An experienced Clinical Quality / Audit / Improvement / Governance professional OR
- Working as a Trauma Care Manager in a TU/MTC/Trauma Network OR
- An experienced trauma care Clinician working in a Trauma Unit
- Excellent and demonstrable committee skills

### 3.2 The Remit of the Clinical Audit Group

The Clinical Audit Group is chaired by the two Directors of Clinical Audit and Members of the Group hold a four year term of office and are selected to give the Group a balance of different backgrounds – specialties, skills and geography. The TARN Clinical Audit Group meets six times a year in order to:

- Develop and maintain all aspects of the national trauma audit of TARN
- Agree a 12 month Clinical Audit plan that remains within budget
- Report annual objectives to the TARN Executive Committee and Board
- Provide expert clinical audit knowledge to the Executive Committee and Board
- Ensure that patients, carers and their representatives are involved in the development of TARN
- Integrate advice from the TARN Executive Committee and Board into short term objectives and the long term Strategy of TARN.

*Structure of the Trauma Audit & Research Network*

