<u>Guidance Notes</u>: Standardised Acknowledgement of the National Joint Registry (NJR)

Context:

Due to the uniquely valuable nature of the NJR data, requests are received to use the data beyond the purpose for which it was originally intended. The consent form states that the data collected may be used for research purposes and as such non-identifiable data is released by the NJR and is used in environments outside of the NJR in reports, abstracts, suppliers postmarketing surveillance reviews, regulatory reviews, white papers and research publications.

The 3 categories into which all uses can fall:

1: Use of data published in the annual reports and/or NJR website
2: Use of unpublished data released for the purposes of research & the strategic plan
3: Use of unpublished data in Industry generated white papers

For each, there is either standardised disclaimer, acknowledgment or liability clause that should be added to the paper/abstract or a combination thereof.

Category 1

NJR data that is routinely available through the NJR website and published annual reports and can be used by others external to the NJR for their own purposes without permission being required, this does not apply to supplier of clinician feedback.

Such use is coherent with the 'Transparency Agenda for underlying data publication, guidance number TG135: Centre of Information' whereby data is usefully used beyond its original intent.

Standard disclaimer:

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Category 2

The use of NJR data for the purposes of research is managed through the Research Request process. Any request for data is made on a standardised Research Application Form, which also includes a liability clause developed using the data released from this process. Once the application form is completed, it is then assessed by the Research Committee (RC). Research Committee requests that all recipients of NJR data agree to disclose all manuscripts to the RC for review prior to journal submission and for a link to be placed on the NJR website to the relevant site when the paper is accepted for publication e.g. PUBMED. The standard acknowledgement must be included. If advised to do so, the standard liability clause must also be included. This will be monitored by HQIP.

Study Title

External projects using NJR data are required to use standard wording to make reference to the NJR in the study title.

Please note that your study title should be followed by the suffix: *'An analysis from the National Joint Registry*'.

For example:

If the title of your study is 'NHS Reform and Private Healthcare Activity', the properly acknowledged study title should then read:

'NHS Reform and Private Healthcare Activity: An analysis from the National Joint Registry'.

Authorship

We would expect all named applicants on the approved research application to be cited in the manuscript authorship, unless explained otherwise.

If the study is internal; please ensure that co-corresponding authorship [of NJR author] is included.

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   e.g. Development of supplier feedback and management feedback systems

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   e.g. Any papers from the current NJR fellows

3. *This work was funded by the National Joint Registry.*
   e.g. DNA Biobank, an identified specialist piece of work using NJR data

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Category 3

The use of NJR data in industry generated white papers is less common. These are internal reviews/analysis carried out by companies, and often come in the form of a marketing document.

Analysis and reporting undertaken by industry using unpublished Supplier Feedback data, in industry generated white papers, product clinical data summaries, product brochures, etc will not been sourced through the research request process (unless some class-specific data has been incorporated which will have been obtained using a data request or research request). A Code of Practice on NJR Supplier Feedback data access and use is in development which will consider appropriate use of the standard disclaimer.

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