**JAG accreditation scheme**

**JAG briefing 18/02: JAG accreditation and the National Endoscopy Database (NED)**

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**Standards relevant**: NA

**Introduction**

The National Endoscopy Database (NED) aims to automatically transfer data from endoscopy reporting systems (ERS) to a central database. All the major ERS manufacturers in the UK are cooperating with the project. This important initiative will support local governance, training, accreditation of services and research.

It is anticipated that most reporting systems will be NED compatible from April 2018. NHS services will need to ensure that NED is approved by their trust Caldicott guardian, or the equivalent in the independent sector, which can take some time to obtain. The outputs from NED need to be validated before they can be utilised as evidence.

JAG recognises that this is a complicated and ambitious project. For the first year, JAG expects there to be a lead in time before the outputs from NED can be fully used to support accreditation assessments. JAG endorses all UK services to be part of NED but does not want to penalise where there are delays beyond their direct control. As a result, JAG has agreed the following policy.

**Global Rating Scale (GRS)**

All services are expected to achieve a level B in all domains to be eligible for an accreditation assessment. In the Clinical Quality standards, measures 4.7 (level C) and 4.10 (level B) are currently ‘greyed out’ following the GRS update in April 2016.

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| **No** | **Measure** |
| 4.7 | The ERS in your service has been configured to record data required by NED and to be able to upload data into NED and JAG Endoscopy Training System (JETS) e-portfolio. |
| 4.10 | The ERS in your service is providing routine, regular data uploads into NED and JETS e-portfolio. |

These measures will ‘go live’ from April 2018 for all services. In the GRS return, services will be able to choose one of the two options for both measures:

* Yes
* No (services will be asked to provide further information regarding the reasons why)

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From April 2018, all services will be expected to be using NED and be compliant with measures 4.7 and 4.10.

If an unaccredited service is not compliant by April 2018 then they will not be eligible to have an assessment. If a service has genuine mitigating circumstances as to why they are unable to use NED then this will be reviewed by the JAG leadership team. Services with genuine mitigating circumstances, such as reasons outside the control of the service or if the service has an agreed date to become compliant within the imminent future, may be allowed to go forward for assessment.

If an accredited service is not NED compliant by April 2018 then they would have accreditation deferred. If a service has genuine mitigating circumstances as to why they are unable to use NED then this will be reviewed by the JAG leadership team and accreditation may be retained for a specified period until they are able to become NED compliant. Genuine reasons which may be acceptable include those detailed above.

For services undergoing assessment and for services completing their annual renewal assessment, JAG asks for 12 months of data for operators’ key performance indicators (KPI) as determined by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG). JAG expects data to be provided from NED where this is available. Where there is not 12 months of data held by NED, JAG expects services to source this directly from their ERS (as is current practice).

**Frequently asked questions**

*I am an accredited service and my system is not NED compliant. Will I lose accreditation?*

If a service has genuine mitigating circumstances as to why they are unable to be NED compliant then this will be reviewed by the JAG leadership team. Services may then be able to retain accreditation for a specified period. If a service does not have an accepted mitigating circumstance then accreditation will be deferred. If the service has not become NED compliant following this accreditation would be withdrawn.

*Can my service have an accreditation assessment if it is going live with NED soon?*

Services which have a confirmed date within the imminent future may be allowed to go forward for accreditation. This will be reviewed on an individual basis by the JAG leadership team.

**Further information**

For further information on NED, please see <https://ned.jets.nhs.uk/kpi/>.

For further support on how NED affects accreditation, please see [www.thejag.org.uk/support](http://www.thejag.org.uk/support).