Dear Endoscopist,

You may have heard of the National Endoscopy Database project (NED). This is a national initiative, backed by JAG, BSG, AUGIS and ACPGBI. The aim is to automatically upload endoscopy data from local reporting systems to a national database. This will improve quality assurance of endoscopy and improve access to performance indicators. Put simply - it will be an updated version of JETS available to all endoscopists without the need for manual data entry.

To reassure you, the system does not transfer patient identifiable data. National information governance approval has been obtained. Local Information Governance and Caldicott approval is in place. Access to performance data will be restricted to designated administrators within each organisation. In due course, once the piloting process has been completed, individual endoscopists will only be able to see their own data.

In order to assign data to individual endoscopists (who may be working cross site/ cross Trusts or organisations) we intend to use GMC/NMC numbers as the identifier. Please let me know if you have any reservations about this. Individual endoscopists do have the option to opt out of NED if they do not wish their GMC/NMC number to be associated with their performance data. The data will still be collected for quality assurance purposes.

We are one of the first wave of pilot sites to be in a position to upload data to NED. There should be no disruption to the reporting system as you use it. At some point some minor changes to the reporting system will need to be made to ensure we are providing the minimum data required to NED. We`ll explain these changes before they are introduced.

In order for data to be uploaded, all endoscopists need to be registered with JETS or NED (they share the database of registered users). If you are not already registered with JETS please do so at <https://ned.jets.nhs.uk/KPI/Register/>.

Please get in touch with me if you have any questions about NED. We`ll circulate more information about the pilot in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Name
Job title**