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Clinical Engineering                      Medical Physics  
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**National Performance Advisory Group**

# Clinical Engineering Best Value Group 2021

**Southern Group: Meeting 1, 14th April 2021, Microsoft Teams**

**Northern Group: Meeting 1, 21st April 2021, Microsoft Teams**

The NPAG Clinical Engineering North and South Best Value Groups are two expert groups, enabling NHS Clinical Engineers to meet and share new ideas. Discussions on common problems, measurement of service providers performance, providing cost effective solutions, creative and innovative service design and networking take place with colleagues involved in this complex area. Both groups are aligned with common meeting agendas which include standard items such as identification of cost saving initiatives which aid efficiency and help departments save money. These savings can easily account for the membership fee. Data for Benchmarking is collated along with nationally standardised Key Performance Indicators.

Members are keen to invite presentations to meetings which always comprise an educational content, underpinning the CPD scheme. Membership consists of three meetings on MS Teams and attendance to the annual NPAG Clinical Engineering Conference, which will be taking place on 14th September 2021.

*“In an unprecedented year for Healthcare and its medical and technical challenges, the support and instant access to the very latest information from the NPAG Clinical Engineering best practice group has again been an invaluable resource to my department and the organisation.”* Medical Engineering Services Manager, The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, 2020 Member

## Key agenda items for 2021 meetings include:

- Benchmarking of Trust, budget and staffing
- Implementation of KPI targets
- Apprenticeship routes and courses
- Updates on new equipment and future trends
- Comparison of COVID PPM impact
- Device training—how to do it effectively
- Open forum of cost savings and other initiatives
- Areas of good practice/problems
- Peer review of policies & procedures
- Recovery plans and risk assessments
- NPAG Network review of questions
- Review of information sharing & OneDrive data

## Current Challenges:

- Succession Planning—How to do it right!
- The future of accreditation
- Budget Pressures— Ideas to get ahead
- Quality Improvements
- Management of Risk
- Managing maintenance under increased operational pressure

## Why join? Our Clinical Engineering Facilitator says:

*“Joining the NPAG Clinical Engineering groups brings with it opportunities to discuss topics of mutual interest and to learn from others who are working in the same profession. Members are happy to share their own experiences in managing Clinical Engineering departments in areas such as training, resources, technical issues, quality and efficiencies. Common pressures are discussed and best practice shared.*

*At each of the meetings there are educational sessions where a topic of new clinical or test equipment may be discussed, or guidance on new or existing regulations presented. The opportunity to take part in National Clinical Engineering Department benchmarking provides members with hard data to use in supporting local business cases for improved resources and funding.”*

**FREE GMDN Membership Included** Free membership access for all NPAG Clinical Engineering North and South BVG members to the Global Medical Device Nomenclature Agency website as [www.gmdnagency.org](http://www.gmdnagency.org). GMDN is a system of internationally agreed terms used to identify medical devices.

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