



# VANGUARD

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*A project to develop and validate a set of Respiratory Nurse Sensitive Outcome Indicators for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.*

## Aims

We plan to develop a Nurse Sensitive Outcome Indicator (NSOI)-set for adult respiratory care focusing on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). This will set key performance metrics that will enable Specialist Respiratory Nurses to proactively identify and evaluate the impact of their care on patient outcomes.

The study will be undertaken in three stages:

**Stage 1:** A scoping exercise to identify a potential set of key specialist respiratory NSOI, which will involve a consensus exercise to determine the relevance and priority of the potential indicators identified.

**Stage 2:** To assess the current evidence-base for respiratory NSOI.

**Stage 3:** Conduct pilot testing of the NSOI set to establish, feasibility, reliability and preliminary validity.

## September update

**Stage 1:** in July we held a very useful Project Steering Committee meeting at the BTS offices in London. We subsequently applied for ethical approval to conduct the qualitative work which was granted in August. Dates for the Nominal Group Technique meetings have now been set for 7th October with the Respiratory Nurse Specialists in London, and 30th and 31st October in Manchester and 4th and 18th November in London with patients and carers.

We would like to thank all of the members of the Steering Committee for their valuable time and contribution to date.

**Stage 2** of the project is well underway.

**Stage 3:** we are currently in the process of preparing the protocol and ethics application for proportionate review which we plan to submit in October.

**We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the organisations who have generously provided support, without whom this important project would not be possible.**

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