

## **National Audit Office General Practice Extraction Service report**

The National Audit Office (NAO) has recently conducted an investigation into the General Practice Extraction Service (GPES) and will publish their report on 2 July 2015. The report is highly critical of the procurement and management of GPES and the value for money that has been delivered for the public purse.

We acknowledge the criticisms made in the report. Following the creation of HSCIC, we took full responsibility for delivering a primary care data extraction service that is operationally and financially efficient. Significant changes were made to the senior management structure of the GPES programme and it is now run by a new team of senior technical experts, led by a very experienced programme head.

We are confident that we now have the right team in place and we are maximising the working aspects of GPES and replacing those parts that do not work. Our focus is on developing a suitable service that meets the needs of the NHS and patients.

Planning for the future of GPES is underway and will build upon the current capacity of the service and increase the number of data collections that can be supported. An improved GPES will be capable of supporting more customers with the production of clinical guidance, clinical audits and research in order to deliver better quality care for patients.

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