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It is recognised that by using these criteria, much work which was carried out effectively, but has been inadequately reported will have been excluded.

- * The number of medical audits may appear to out-weigh the number of other uni-professional or clinical audits reported. This should not be taken to reflect in any way, a difference in quality of the project work being done by different professional groups. It merely reflects a difference in the number reported. In general terms, reporting of the work done by nursing and therapy professions is more detailed and tends to better demonstrate their planning and organisation of projects. It may also reflect the reality of the more limited resource these professions have had to support audit until now and therefore the greater need to ensure that the resource has been used effectively.
- * All professions however must realise that they have lessons to learn from each other in the future development of both uni and multi-professional audit.

Reporting for 1994/95 and beyond will be from trust to purchaser and purchaser to the Region. Levels of detail will need to be negotiated locally, but it is advised that the minimum data set form the basis of this information.

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