Quality Accounts (QA) and national clinical audit and patient outcomes programme (NCAPOP)

Is the IBD programme on the Quality Accounts (QA) list for NHS England in 2016/17?
Yes. Up-to-date information about the QA list for 2016-2017 can be found here: http://www.hqip.org.uk/national-programmes/quality-accounts/. The IBD Biologics Audit using the IBD Registry for data collection has also been included in Quality Accounts for 2017/18.

What do we need to do to satisfy our QA reporting?
To be classed as having ‘participated’ for the purpose of your QA reporting, you will need to have met the following criteria by March 2017:
1. Exported your data from the biological therapies audit web tool before it closes on 13 January 2017. (You can check the list of sites that completed their download here.
2. Begun to collect data using an IBD Registry compliant IT system. (Information about the systems available to you can be found here.
3. Entered data on the key performance indicators (KPIs) for all of your patients newly-started on biological therapies (see KPIs below). This applies to all patients newly-started since you began to enter data using your IBD Registry compliant IT system (see above).

NOTE (1): To ascertain if your IBD Team entered the necessary data on the Biologics Audit KPIs on the appropriate number of patients you will need to contact your local IBD Team. Only they will know the number of new patients in the year. The IBD Registry can only confirm whether your Trust has submitted any patient data via NHS Digital as at the last submission deadline which was the end of November 2016. The next submission deadline is 31st March 2017.

NOTE (2): Points 2 and 3 may be waived if you have applied for a Registry compliant system which for reasons out of your control will not be live by March 2017. If this is the case for your site, to satisfy QA you will need to have continued to enter data on the RCP biologics tool in 2016 and show that you downloaded this data and be able to prove that a local system has been ordered or is in the process of being built. Or that your Trust is signing up for the Registry Web Tool.

What are the biological therapy key performance indicators (KPIs)/ quality indicators?
For all patients newly started on a biological therapy, performance will be reported on the following items:
Pre-treatment checks
- Was the patient screened before starting on a biological therapy?
- Was a formal assessment of disease activity recorded at the point the decision was made to commence a biological therapy?
- Is there a record of Registry consent being discussed with the patient?
Post-induction review (approximately 3 months after the date of the initial treatment)
- Did a post-induction review take place?
- Was a formal assessment of disease activity recorded at this time?
12-month review (approximately 12 months after the date of the initial treatment)
- Did a 12-month review take place?
- Was a formal assessment of disease activity recorded at this time?

NOTE (3): It is understood that the completion of the KPIs will be dependent on the patient’s initiation date. Some patients may not have had a post-induction or 12 month review in this transition year, and teams will not be penalised for this.