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Dear Colleague,

## Re: Launch of the CEM Quality in Emergency care Dashboard (QED)

We are writing to inform you about the College's Quality in Emergency care Dashboard (QED) project which is being launched tomorrow at midday on the ENLIGHTENme website at <http://www.enlightenme.org/dashboard>.

This is an important strategic initiative for the College. The QED aims to collect data that is most relevant to the care we deliver in the ED so that it can be used for local benchmarking, appraisal (revalidation) and in discussions with commissioners.

We believe that this approach will be vital in the next few years to help capture timely trends in the key areas of our EM workforce, the workload in our EDs and the impact on the quality of clinical care being delivered.

The Dashboard has been structured to provide reports that will be of use to you as an individual (for appraisal & revalidation), for your department (for business planning) and at a College level in our discussions with the Dept of Health. We ran a pilot project in developing the Dashboard last year and the outputs from that will be ready for review at the end of April for you to review. At a time where the NHS is undergoing some of the most dramatic changes in its history we need to be armed with the best possible quality of information in key areas to help positively influence the Dept of Health in a timely fashion. We also hope to work with colleagues in Ireland to provide a tailored solution for data collection that meets their needs in their discussions with the HSE.

We have structured the Dashboard slightly differently this year following the pilot project and we are asking you submit the full year's data. The QED is structured into nine easy to navigate sections. Please use the series of documents in the 'How to Complete the Quality in Emergency Care Dashboard' located on the right-hand side of the landing page and especially the Top Tips document at the beginning.

The Dashboard will be live for several weeks and we will of course notify you when the outputs are ready. If you have any questions or would like clarification on any technical issues please email [admin@enlightenme.org](mailto:admin@enlightenme.org).

Many thanks again for your help with this vital work.

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