

Policy for requesting NBSR data (version 1, 10/09/2022)

The National Bariatric Surgery Registry (NBSR) is part of the British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society (BOMSS) Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is supported by Dendrite Clinical Systems. It has been publishing consultant-level outcomes in the public domain since 2012-13. NBSR is probably the most reliable source of data on Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery (BMS) in the United Kingdom (UK). It is also an excellent data source for auditing practices and outcomes of BMS in the UK. This document attempts to provide audit proposers with a clear process for requesting NBSR data.

Policy for requesting NBSR data by BOMSS membership:

1. Primary audit proposer and co-audit proposer(s) (maximum 2) to complete the “NBSR data audit proposal form”.
2. Audit proposers to provide credentials in handling large data and publishing scientific papers.
3. Audit proposers agree to pay NBSR charges for data sharing (Approximately £500 -1000). These funds will need to be transferred to the protected NBSR account held by BOMSS CIO before the data can be shared.
4. Audit proposers to agree to the following:
 - a. Some members of the NBSR committee will be assigned to supervise individual audits as required to support delivery, and these NBSR committee members will then be named authors on any final publication. All other committee members will provide input as needed and will be collaborative authors on the paper as “NBSR Collaborators” (please also see point 4b)
 - b. All NBSR data contributors (all the surgeons who have contributed data to NBSR and are active data contributors at the time of the study) will also be listed as collaborative authors of the publication under the same group name “NBSR Collaborators”. This list of all committee members and active NBSR data contributors will be shared with auditors for authorship purposes by the NBSR audit subcommittee lead.
 - c. Audit proposers agree to take all standard precautions while dealing with NBSR data and the list of collaborators in line with the UK Data Protection Act 2018.
 - d. The audit subcommittee lead will be the primary point of contact for all queries related to audit projects. Currently, it is [Mr. Waleed Al-Khyatt](#).

- e. Each project will need to be approved by the NBSR committee. It is expected that the first draft ready for submission be ready within 12 months of data being made available to the audit proposers. All delays should be brought to the attention of the audit subcommittee lead.
- f. NBSR committee reserves the right to terminate any project at its sole discretion (Reasons can be noncompletion in the time frame, concerns identified at a later stage, etc.). Funds will not be refunded to audit proposers under these circumstances.
- g. Audit proposers agree that **NBSR data will only be used for one publication**. Further permission will be sought from the NBSR committee for any additional publications from the same dataset. All publications will only be submitted by prior approval of the NBSR committee and chair.
- h. Each audit proposer will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with NBSR.