Audit 4

1) Audit Title
   The practice of ‘routine’ preoperative chest X-rays

2) Standard against which the audit topic is to be compared
   Indications for pre-operative chest X-rays are limited, yet they are still widely requested, causing unnecessary radiation exposure for the patient and work /costs for departments

3) Source of standard
   Local / national guidance on the indications for / performance of pre-operative chest X-rays

4) Type of audit
   clinical

5) Target / compliance percentage to be achieved
   100% – to be discussed within the department

6) Item or variable to be audited
   Consecutive pre-operative chest X-ray requests

7) Method: Retrospective / Prospective / Other
   Retrospective or prospective

8) Data or information to be collected
   List of elective operations over fixed period, e.g. 3 months and those patients who had a pre-operative chest X-ray

9) Sample details (number of patients, collection time period)
   100 pre-operative chest X-ray requests

10) Target achieved
    (yes / no)

11) Actions to be taken if the target is not met
    Educating referring clinicians and radiology department staff about the guidelines

12) Timing for re-audit (yes / no / not applicable)
    1 year