## Exploring the opportunities, costs and benefits of embedding implementation research within national audit programmes

## Before the interview starts:

- Brief overview and introduction to aim of study
- Checking of consent
- Checking for permission to record, including explanation that participant can stop at any time

## About the participant:

- Job title and affiliation(s)
- Role(s)
- Experience & knowledge of audits, including national audits
- Experience & knowledge of research, including audit and feedback research
- What are your experiences or knowledge of conducting or taking part in audit and feedback research allied to an audit programme? (if relevant)
  - Perceived need
  - Previous work
  - What it would involve
  - What drove them to take part
  - Interpersonal skills needed
  - o Did they evaluate the success?
  - Dissemination
  - How easy / difficult (what was easy / difficult)
- What do you think the benefits are (or have been) of embedding audit and feedback research in national audits?
  - Priorities? (Goals)
  - o Priorities of colleagues
  - What are they trying to achieve (Reinforcers)
- What do you think the costs and resource implications are (or were) of embedding research in national audits?
  - o Time
  - Financial resources
  - Staffing
  - Knowledge / skill mix for success
- What are the challenges to embedding research (in national audits)?
  - o logistical issues,
  - o alignment of timelines and human resources,
  - o data sharing arrangements & data quality;
  - o level and type of support needed to build sustainable enhancements
  - o stability in healthcare partner systems
  - o team composition & dynamics
  - clarifying roles & responsibilities
  - identifying shared priorities
  - o optimising design
  - o ethical considerations
  - funding
  - o Competing priorities / importance in relation to other roles
  - Tension / pressures

- Do the benefits (pros) outweigh the challenges (cons)?

  - Would they do it again? Would they consider doing it?
- Is there anything else you feel it is important for us to know about embedding research in national audits?

Thank participant for their time

Provide voucher and certificate, as appropriate