Supplementary material 3. Audit tool

Clinical assessment and pathway:

1. At the time of initial assessment, was the patient asked about the postural component of the headache?
   
   Yes ☐   No ☐

2. What was the time interval from the initial suspicion of spontaneous intracranial hypotension (SIH) to assessment by a neurologist?
   
   <24 hours ☐   <48 hours ☐   <4 weeks ☐   <3 months ☐   >3 months ☐

3. Was the patient educated or directed to educational resources regarding:
   
   Bed rest?          Yes ☐   No ☐
   Hydration?          Yes ☐   No ☐
   Analgesia?          Yes ☐   No ☐
   Methods to avoid deconditioning and deep vein thrombosis?  Yes ☐   No ☐

4. At what point was the patient referred for multidisciplinary discussion in a specialist neuroscience centre?
   
   Immediately after SIH was suspected ☐   After 1 epidural blood patch (EBP) ☐
   After 2 EBPs ☐   After >2 EBPs ☐   N/A (not referred) ☐

Investigations:

1. What imaging was performed at the first assessment?
   
   MRI head with contrast ☐   MRI head without contrast ☐
   MRI whole spine ☐   Other (please specify) ☐

2. Was the imaging reviewed by a consultant neuroradiologist?
   
   Yes ☐   No ☐

3. Was lumbar puncture performed?
   
   Yes, to measure opening pressure ☐   Yes, for other reasons ☐   No ☐
4. For patients with abnormal brain or spine MRI undergoing myelography, how many blood patches had been performed beforehand?

   None □  1 □  2 □  > 2 (specify) □

5. For patients with a spinal longitudinal epidural collection (SLEC) undergoing myelography, was “dynamic” myelography performed?

   Yes □  No □

6. For patients without a SLEC undergoing myelography, was lateral decubitus myelography performed?

   Yes, examining both sides □  Yes, one side only □  No □

**Procedures:**

1. Once diagnosis of SIH was made, how soon was the first non-targeted EBP performed?

   <48 hours □  <2 weeks □  <4 weeks □  <3 months □  >3 months □

2. After EBP was the patient:

   Given a point of contact for their clinical team? Yes □  No □
   Contacted at 12-48 hours to enquire about concerning features? Yes □  No □
   How soon was efficacy of EBP assessed?

   <10 days □  10-14 days □  2-4 weeks □  4-8 weeks □  >8 weeks □

3. Once a decision for to operate has been made, how soon was the date of surgery?

   <2 weeks □  <6 weeks □  <3 months □  >3 months □

4. Was outcome assessed at the following intervals and included in an outcomes database?

   6 weeks Yes □  No □
   3 months Yes □  No □