The BreastSurgANZ Quality Audit system has been updated. Changes you will notice include:

1. **High Quality Performance Indicators**

   A new section of the website now exists for High Quality Performance Indicators (HQPIs). These are additional indicators for measuring quality care and work similarly to the existing Key Performance Indicators.

   Currently, they are in pilot. Data will be collected on the level at which each BreastSurgANZ member is meeting the indicator. At twelve months from implementation, this data will be reviewed by the BQA Subcommittee and threshold values will be set.

   In the meantime, you can see your own practice value against each HQPI on the HQPI page of the BQA. The HQPIs only apply from the date they were introduced. The table will populate with cases as you enter relevant data.

2. **New fields**

   Two new fields have been added for data collection in order to accommodate the HQPIs. These are:
   
   - Breast care nurse (whether a breast care nurse was involved in patient care)
   - Multi-disciplinary treatment (whether a multi-disciplinary discussion was had and treatment plan developed)

   These are mandatory fields and are located underneath the patient details in both the Full Dataset and Minimum Dataset view.

3. **Changes to neoadjuvant questions**

   In order to accommodate the HQPIs, the neoadjuvant questions have been altered to be Yes/No, rather than a single tick-box.

   These are now required fields for completeness on invasive episodes so you will need to enter a yes or no for each neoadjuvant therapy for the case to be complete. Existing cases have been back-filled with a ‘not recorded’ answer so that you will not need to go back and enter this data on old cases.

   While making alterations to the neoadjuvant questions, we have added an option for neoadjuvant Herceptin as this has been requested by participants.
As has always been the case, neoadjuvant questions are not shown for DCIS cases on the Minimum Dataset screen. If you wish to enter this information for DCIS cases, switch to the Full Dataset view.

4. **Patient refusal of treatment now multi-response, with an extra option**

To accommodate restrictions for the HQPIs, the patient refusal question is now multi-response, and reconstruction has been added as an option. Click in the box to see the drop-down list of options. You can add as many as you need to.

5. **Diagnosis date moved to the first screen on the Full Dataset view**

Diagnosis date has been moved to prevent users from entering a case without this mandatory field.

All BQA documentation has been updated with these changes and is available to download from: [https://www.surgeons.org/for-health-professionals/audits-and-surgical-research/morbidity-audits/bqa/data-collection/](https://www.surgeons.org/for-health-professionals/audits-and-surgical-research/morbidity-audits/bqa/data-collection/)

If you have any questions or feedback about these changes, please contact the Helpdesk at breast.audit@surgeons.org