

# Suggested DALES Team Structure

You may wish to split your data collectors with an initial emphasis on Patient Surveys:

Patient Survey  
-via online devices



VS



Anaesthetist Survey  
-on paper then  
uploaded



This may change dynamically during the day; considerations for your team relate to multiple factors including:

**The Timing of Patient Admission and the Patient Survey:**

- Patients can be surveyed the night before surgery (but may also require Follow-Up after)
- Patients should be surveyed pre-op; multiple collectors may be required to ensure all patients are seen

**The Nature of NHS Email-Based Follow-Up:**

- The initial investigator receives the Follow-up email
- Conversely Follow-Up is entirely notes based and can be completed at a time to suit

**Geography of Pre-Op, Post-Op and Theatre Areas:**

- Follow-Up may not be practical to do simultaneously with the primary survey but is notes-based and can be done later
- Paper Anaesthetist Surveys also help overcome this issue

**The Nature of the Anaesthetist Survey:**

- Using paper, multiple Anaesthetic Surveys can be conducted simultaneously
- A single collector can upload multiple Anaesthetist Surveys
- If data collectors are abundant survey can be done live online
- Anaesthetists should ideally be surveyed towards the afternoon to minimise any potential bias