

Getting ROOT ready

ROOT Top Tips

Use the helpful documents and resources on the ROOT to guide you

Try not to be overwhelmed by lack of familiarity or confidence with data

Be prepared for things to take time

Seek support early-on from information governance, data analysts, IT, managers etc - this can be invaluable

Don't be disheartened!

Email root@rcslt.org for support

Getting up and running

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When planning rollout, factor in time for inter-rater reliability

Make sure people have time to collect and upload quality data

Having ROOT 'champions' to support colleagues helps - but make sure it is a team effort!

Ensure the right people are assigned administration responsibilities such as managing users

Collaborate with other teams or organisations to make training and learning more efficient. This can also create opportunities to compare outcomes to support quality improvement

The system will be unfamiliar at first, but the more you use it, the easier it becomes!

There are lots of resources to support you, like the FAQs, training videos and monthly drop-ins with ROOT team

Maintaining momentum

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Include ROOT in new staff inductions

Make sure that staff turnover doesn't lead to loss of knowledge and skills in the team

Present reports to colleagues so they can see the value of the data and not view it as a burden

Ensure appropriate TOMs training is maintained to keep momentum and refresh knowledge and skills

Users with admin rights may wish to view the number of logins and last date login of users to monitor use of the system

Make sure staff continue to have time to consider scoring and to input data correctly

Remember this isn't just a local exercise. You are contributing to national data to help the profession demonstrate its value

Make sure responsibility for ROOT isn't left to one individual

Analysing and using the data

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There is flexibility in reports (e.g filtering by diagnoses or age), so make sure you explore these and find what works for your service

Send data to commissioners, funders and senior managers, even if they don't ask!

Use RCSLT staff for support. We are always happy to run workshops with staff

Don't be afraid of the data! It is easier to use the tool than you think