Royal College of Nursing comments on the Assessment Report

Page 17- references are cited for early mortality from rheumatoid arthritis (refs 5-7) but not for arthritis overall – the statement about early mortality in the executive summary on page 17 para 1 isn't supported by references in later sections - needs to be supported by references in 3.1.1.1. for example.

Page 40- flow chart regarding post operative follow up post hip resurfacing or THR- it states day 10- in practice once the patient is discharged from hospital they usually have a 6 week follow up appointment.

Page 52 section 3.2.3 failure of the hip replacement- 'implant fracture' is stated- should this say periprosthetic fracture? I have never known the implant itself to fracture.

Regarding the validated tools used such as OHS and HHS- should it be explicit who completed these? Is it the patient or the clinician or unknown as not recorded?