



## THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- 1. The TRAINEE lead from each unit shall be responsible for gathering survey responses from as many spinal consultant surgeons (neurosurgeons or orthopaedic surgeons) working within the unit as possible (MINIMUM of 2 surgeon responses)
- 2. There must not be more than 2 trainee leads within the same unit
- 3. All trainee leads and all survey respondents shall be recognised with collaborator status on any presentations or publications. Ideally this shall result in Pubmed author status, however this cannot be guaranteed as different journals have different models by which collaborative projects are published.
- 4. Collaborators who fail to submit data by 5th December will not be deemed as having successfully participated in the project and will not be included as and recognised as collaborators.
- 5. The project does not require local registration or ethical approval as no patient data or patient surveys are being undertaken.
- 6. All collaborators will be sent detailed information from the analysis of the data collected (locally, regionally, and nationally) so that they may be able to present it to their local trust if they wish (this is encouraged).