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Dear HIPPO/GECKO hospital lead,

The NIHR Global Surgery Unit is launching a new project to calculate the surgical case mix, stratified by age group, surgical specialty, and urgency of surgery. It would be great to count with you or someone nominated by you to lead this project in your hospital, which will start on 15th January 2024. In case you are a medical student, we would be grateful if you could nominate a surgical resident or consultant to lead this project, please.

The protocol and CRF can be found attached. As hospital lead, you will be responsible for leading the study in your hospital, guaranteeing the quality of data collected and being responsible to upload it in REDCap. Please ensure to register the study according to the local hospital and national regulations. We will ask you to submit a copy of your study approval to the central team. Please find attached the ethical approval from University of Birmingham, which may support the approval process at your site.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

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