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## NPaCA Newsletter, August 2024

### Want to hear more?

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues who are involved in pancreatic cancer care. If you were forwarded this email and would like to be added to our mailing list, please email [us](mailto:us).

#### Second data quality report now available!

In July we published our [second quarterly report](#), which provides an overview of the quality of key data items captured in the [Rapid Cancer Registration Dataset \(RCRD\)](#), and the [Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset \(COSD\)](#), for people diagnosed in NHS trusts with pancreatic cancer in England, between the 1st of January 2023 and the 31st of December 2023.

The report is intended to highlight to trusts where data submissions to COSD could be improved to enable better reporting on performance indicators in the future. (See our [key COSD items for collection](#)).

Subsequent quarterly reports generated by the pancreatic team and available from October 2024, will include performance indicators.

Access the report via our NPaCA webpages [here](#).



#### Thank you to our PPI members

A HUGE 'thank you!' to our fantastic Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum members, who recently came together, to hear about the team's latest work and to start to share ideas for a patient-focused version of the forthcoming State of the Nation report.

During the course of the meeting, there were some fantastic, and very helpful, thought-provoking discussions amongst members.



#### State of the Nation Report 2024 under development

Our first Annual State of the Nation report is currently under development and is due for release in mid-September. Clinical Reference Group member, Dr Matthew Huggett, Consultant Gastroenterologist and HPB Physician at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, shares his observations, "It is evident that a National Audit of pancreatic cancer has been urgently needed. Contributing to the Audit's first State of the Nation report has been incredibly rewarding. This comprehensive ten-page report offers an essential overview of the care provided to people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in NHS trusts in England (2020-2021) and Health Boards in Wales (2022). A key highlight of the report is its actionable recommendations based on robust pancreatic data analysis by the NPaCA team. These recommendations will offer clear guidance to clinical audiences on where improvements are needed."

(Dr Matthew Huggett, is pictured right).



#### NPaCA Quality Improvement Plan soon to be released!

Be sure to look out for NPaCA's Quality Improvement Plan, which is due to be published on our webpages very soon. The document, which has been developed in close collaboration with members of the audit's Clinical Reference Group, builds on the audit's [Scoping document](#) and identifies ten performance indicators. The plan also sets out improvement methods, improvement activities and approaches to evaluation of the audit's goals and activities.



#### FAQ: How is data used by NPaCA being collected?

The audit does not 'collect' clinical data; we utilise the nationally mandated flows of data from hospitals to the [National Disease Registration Service \(NDRS\)](#) in NHSE and the [Wales Cancer Network](#) in Public Health Wales.

Data from trust/Health Board data submissions are linked to selected items from national datasets to provide information on the diagnosis, management and treatment of all patients newly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This includes details on staging, mode of admission, comorbidities, surgical procedure or intervention.

There is no need for NHS organisations to formally register for the audit, or input data through a separate portal. Additionally, there is no audit specific deadline for trusts to submit data. [Find the answers to more FAQ's here](#).



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