

Identifying surgical hubs and spokes for ovarian cancer in England using routine cancer registration data

Background

The National Ovarian Cancer Audit (NOCA) has undertaken a service mapping exercise to examine relationships between NHS organisations in the delivery of care for ovarian cancer. In the UK, ovarian cancer care is delivered through a hub and spoke model. These hubs are surgical centres staffed by gynaecological oncologists, with specialist MDT and comprehensive teams. Chemotherapy is also provided at these centres. These hubs are distributed across the country to ensure equitable access to care and contribute to gynaecological oncology and medical oncology training.

Methods

Data were analysed for 5,735 women diagnosed with ovarian cancer between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021 at 124 NHS trusts.

Results

We identified 40 cancer centres and 84 cancer units.

Percentage of care delivered within each system

