



NATCAN

National Cancer Audit
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What is NATCAN?

NATCAN is a new national centre of excellence that will shine a spotlight on the care and treatment of patients who are diagnosed with cancer in England and Wales. Part of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (NCAPOP), NATCAN is commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP), on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government.

NATCAN is based in the Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU) in London – a partnership between the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSeng) and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM).

We are the team behind current national cancer audits in [prostate](#), [bowel](#), [oesophago-gastric](#) and [lung cancer](#).



What progress have we made?

We're thrilled to be leading this and excited to share updates with you! Since the 1 October 2022, we have been working hard to set-up NATCAN's governance and infrastructure. The new teams including our Clinical Leads are in place and work has begun on developing new cancer audits in ovarian, pancreatic, non Hodgkin lymphoma, kidney, and primary and metastatic breast cancer. The first reports will be published in 2024. To find out more visit the [audit pages](#) on our website.



How are patient data being collected?

The audits in NATCAN, similar to the existing audits in prostate and lung cancer, do not 'collect' clinical data. The cancer audits utilise the nationally mandated flows of data from cancer patients to the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS), NHSE and the Wales Cancer Network, Public Health Wales. Each NATCAN audit will publish a minimum dataset in the Autumn of 2023, comprising relevant data items for each cancer site, which hospitals can check are being completed and submitted to NDRS or the Wales Cancer Network.



Want to find out more?

Visit our new [website](#) to find out more about [our team](#), the [centre](#) and our [quality improvement work](#). This includes [FAQs](#) and interviews with Peter Johnson, National Clinical Director for Cancer, Neil Mortensen, President of the RCSeng and our new Clinical Leads.

If you are interested in receiving regular updates about our centre and the progress of our audits, send us an [email](#) and follow us on [twitter](#)

