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## NPaCA Newsletter, January 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).

### NPaCA shares its key COSD data items

In line with all NATCAN cancer audits, NPaCA will utilise 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.

In relation to COSD, there are particular areas where hospitals should review the level of data completeness in the submitted data for patients with pancreatic cancer:

- Core COSD items: performance status, TNM variables (which help inform the stage)
- COSD pathology data: Upper GI site-specific: excision margin (circumferential).

We have published details of the key data items (Cancer Outcomes Services Dataset - COSD). Please can you check the data items are being completed and submitted to NDRS. See our [webpages](#) for more details.

### Patient and Public Involvement Forum

Improving care for patients is central to everything we do and we are determined to include the views of patients and carers as the audit develops. Therefore, we are very happy to be convening our first Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) forum next month. This has been organised in close collaboration with our colleagues at Pancreatic Cancer UK and Pancreatic Cancer Action. Look out for details of this in our next newsletter.



### Quarterly Reporting

In April, NPaCA will be producing its first quarterly report, which will be focused on data completeness of key data items following our initial analysis of English cancer data.

The quarterly report will be designed to present an organisation's data in a clear and straight-forward format and will enable Trusts to manipulate data in a helpful way. Look out for more details regarding this over the coming weeks.

### COSD Roadshows

We are delighted to be taking part in NDRS's 2024 series of roadshows. These explain the changes to the Cancer Outcomes and Services Data Set (COSD) and other changes which affect the collection, quality assurance and reporting of Cancer Data in England.

The roadshows are being held at eight different locations around England and provide a networking opportunity for Cancer Services staff in NHS Trusts to meet other teams within their region. You can find out more on the [COSD and cancer data roadshows event page](#).

