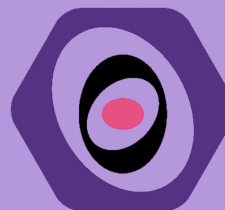


National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit (NNHLA) Impact Report



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The NNHLA measures the quality and outcomes of NHS non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) care for people in England and Wales, supporting providers to improve the quality of care delivered.



National

- Evidence of national improvements in care quality and outcomes

The inaugural NNHLA **State of the Nation Report (SotN)** and supplementary materials were released in September 2024. This report highlighted significant practice variations in key areas, including:

- Clinical nurse specialist involvement
- Timeliness of MDT discussions
- Timeliness of chemotherapy and consolidation radiotherapy delivery
- Radiotherapy use by non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) sub-type
- Overall one-year survival

The full report is [available here](#).

To provide cancer alliances and trusts with timely insights, the NNHLA now offers **quarterly data reports**, [available here](#).

To enhance data quality and clinical outcomes, the report includes five key recommendations for cancer alliances, integrated care boards, health boards, and NHS trusts, aimed at fostering local investigation and improvement.

This has resulted in our performance indicator for delivering chemotherapy within 62 days of initial referral being prioritised by cancer alliances. As part of the **NHSE Cancer Programme**, this indicator will be the NHL treatment focus for alliances in 2025/26.



Public

- How the project is used by the public and demand for it

The audit engages the public through a number of different avenues:

1. Patient and Public Involvement Forum:

This advisory group, formed in partnership with our charity collaborators, includes 10 representatives from patient and carer groups. They ensure the voices of those with NHL shape the audit's direction and delivery, meeting at least twice yearly. The group contributed to our **first Patient and Public Report**, which complements our SotN report by presenting key findings in accessible language for the general public [\[available here\]](#).

Our close partnership with our charity partners has also helped raise awareness of the audit through their social media platforms and public presence.

2. Social media platforms:

This includes providing regular updates on upcoming work or raising awareness around the audit on our X platform (@NNHLA_NATCAN).

3. Website:

This is updated regularly with our reports and information about upcoming events [\[available here\]](#).



Systems

- How the project supports policy development and management of the system

The NNHLA supports policy development by defining its scope through collaboration with clinical stakeholders and charity partners (Lymphoma Action and Blood Cancer UK).

--> The **Scoping document** is [available here](#).

The NNHLA Quality Improvement Plan outlines 10 key performance indicators linked to 5 overarching quality improvement goals, based on national guidelines and standards.

--> The **Quality Improvement plan** is [available here](#).

This framework fosters system-wide improvement across healthcare organisations.

The NNHLA has also **presented the work of the audit** at the following events:

- Medical advisory meeting for Lymphoma Action (24th September 2024)
- National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre Webinar: Exploring Key Findings from the 2024 SotN Reports (14th October 2024). [Recorded version available here](#).
- UK Lymphoma Research Group meeting (8th November 2024).



Local

- How the project stimulates quality improvement at a local level

The NNHLA aims to support local improvement initiatives by feeding back results to individual NHS organisations so they can track their performance and monitor the impact of any interventions through:

- The SotN data viewer:** This offers NHS organisations tabular and graphical summaries of their local results on data quality and performance indicator outcomes [\[available here\]](#).
- Quarterly reports:** This online interactive dashboard provides 3 monthly updates, providing timely feedback to NHS trusts in England [\[available here\]](#).

A **local Quality Improvement Action Plan Template** can be [accessed here](#). This provides trusts/health boards with suggested actions and approaches to local quality improvement initiatives that are aligned with our 5 key recommendations from the SotN report.

Local engagement includes emailing **6 newsletters to over 180 recipients** with updates on the audit's progress (email us at NHLaudit@rcseng.ac.uk to sign up!).

Regular presentations at clinical reference group meetings, research meetings, and webinars allow clinicians to share findings locally and within their hospitals. We have also distributed information leaflets at relevant meetings to boost awareness of the audit and its work.

X Engagement
over the past 12
months

180%
Followers

Other
Engagement over
the past 2 months

245 SotN Downloads **94** PPI report views **76** Quarterly report views